

Peak of controversy will let visitors look but not touch

BY MAGNUS LINKLATER

FINAL approval is expected next month for a funicular railway in the Cairngorms, but environmental groups are threatening to appeal to Europe over the plan, which would bring an extra 175,000 visitors a year to one of the continent's last unspoilt mountain areas.

Instead of the present chairlift system, the 2.3-kilometre mountain railway would whisk visitors up 1,245-metre Cairn Gorm to a 250-seat restaurant and an interpretative centre. Under a controversial compromise that helped to win the support of Scottish Natural Heritage, summer visitors would not be allowed out on to the mountain itself.

They would have to stay in the visitor centre, watch the presentation, enjoy the view, then descend again by railway. No illicit strolling would be allowed.

Scottish Natural Heritage, chaired by Magnus Magnus-

son, is the government quango responsible for Scotland's environment and had earlier opposed the scheme. Its objection won a number of concessions, including a reduction in the height of the original structure by four metres.

Professor Christopher Smout, the Scottish historian, defended the decision but said that the development was far from ideal: "It is likely in summer to deliver only a very disappointing visitor experience — those rash enough to buy tickets will be shot up the mountain in a sealed capsule, kept inside the interpretative centre and restaurant, and transported back without a chance to taste the real world."

Hamish Swan, chairman of the Cairngorm Mountain Railway Company, insists it will still be viable and will "ensure an all-year visitor experience of national ranking with significant added value to the benefit of environmental education and economic and recreational interests". Scottish Natural Heritage's decision to back the project,

provided the visitor management scheme is further amended, provoked an extraordinary reaction from one of its own most distinguished members.

The developers say that the "not-to-touch" compromise will lose approximately 30 per cent of the more active summer visitors they had hoped to attract, but they still maintain that numbers will quadruple from the present 50,000 to about 225,000.

Environmental groups, including the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Ramblers Association and the National Trust for Scotland, believe the plan remains a threat to the landscape and will increase visitor pressure on an area which is subject to the European Union's most stringent protections for birds and natural habitat.

The RSPB, which owns a neighbouring site on the other side of the mountain, is proposing an alternative scheme using "gondola" cable cars taking visitors to a halfway point. It has attacked the Scottish National Heritage decision for "putting short-term political expediency before our

natural heritage". Dave Morris, of the Ramblers Association, calls the scheme "daft". Along with the RSPB, the ramblers have asked the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, to intervene. Mr Morris said: "We'd like him to look at the whole issue, environmental and financial. It would not be acceptable to have two classes of visitors — those who drive up to the car park and

take the funicular, and those who have to set out to walk from the bottom."

However, given that Scottish National Heritage has indicated that it is in favour, Mr Forsyth is unlikely to intervene. This week a draft agreement on visitor management will be sent to all the parties involved. If it is signed, the go-ahead will be given.

That does not, however,

mean that the battle is over. The RSPB would then consider taking its case to the European Court of Justice. There is also the matter of the £6 million of Euro-funds on which the site depends under the Objective One scheme for marginal areas.

Scottish National Heritage says it is strictly interpreting the European Habitats and Species Directive, which gives

the area its specially protected status and requires that any proposal must not adversely affect "the integrity of the site". For this reason, even a proposal that visitors should be allowed out on to the hill escorted by rangers was rejected because there was no guarantee that some errant walkers would not escape.

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The routes of the current chairlift and the proposed mountain railway in the Cairngorms. Skiers will still have access to the slopes

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Dunblane injuries kept private

Children who died in the Dunblane massacre will not be named when details of their injuries are disclosed at the public inquiry, which starts on Wednesday. The 16 pupils, killed with their teacher by Thomas Hamilton in March, will be listed alphabetically, from Child A to Child P. Dr Sheila Gray, a bereavement counsellor in Dunblane, said: "Linking names and injuries would have put an even greater burden on the families."

IVF triplets

A woman who stole £20,000 from her employers to pay for IVF treatment has given birth to triplets. Michelle Darby, 27, of Bracknell, Berkshire, who was given a 12-month suspended sentence, had two girls and a boy by Caesarean section.

RAF jet crashes

An RAF pilot ejected safely when his Hawk jet was involved in collision with a Portuguese F16 during an airshow in Portugal. The pilot, who has not been named, was taken to hospital.

Final whistle

A firm of undertakers is offering coffins in the deceased's favourite football colours. William Hall, of Newchurch, Isle of Wight, is also offering multi-coloured caskets for babies.

Botanical gardens

The Botanical Gardens in Edinburgh are at Inverleith Row, not on the Royal Mile, as reported in the *Weekend* section on Saturday.

Prisons put on standby for football hooligans

By STEWART TENDER AND RICHARD FORD

PRISON officials have drawn up emergency plans to house hundreds of extra remand prisoners if the Euro 96 football championship leads to serious disorder.

Five jails are on standby in case of riots at the 31 games which begin in 12 days. Courts and police forces have also drawn up contingency plans.

The prison plans are expected to include increasing the number of prisoners per cell and temporarily moving inmates to other jails. Also, new prisoners will be admitted at weekends, instead of the normal practice of accepting them

field, Newcastle upon Tyne, Liverpool, Nottingham and Manchester.

Magistrates' courts in Newcastle, Birmingham and Nottingham will hold night sittings if necessary and in Sheffield routine court business will be kept to a minimum for the days after games in case there are extra cases.

The eight police forces that will cover the venues during the three-week championship have also drawn up contingency plans to deal with a sudden rush of arrests should riots break out at the matches.

Some have earmarked large stations to handle the arrests; others will transport prisoners to stations with spare capacity. In Newcastle, prisoners may be kept in cells at the St James's Park ground, which were opened last year. London has a large number of stations that can take prisoners and also has extra capacity at logistics headquarters at Lambeth.

Policy on dealing with fans has been discussed by the magistrates' courts and the Crown Prosecution Service. Malcolm George, the Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and co-ordinator of the policing operation, has said that one of the problems for police will be that fans cannot be automatically deported or rounded up to prevent trouble, as in other European countries. "If fans are bailed, they could be out again the next day, although we can restrict their movement and conditions of release," he said.

The five jails involved in the Euro 96 strategy are Wormwood Scrubs and Holloway in London, plus Liverpool, Durham and Leeds. The games are being played in London, Birmingham, Leeds, Shef-

Rival gangs plan fights by fax and mobile phone

By ADAM FRESCO

A FIXTURE list of international battles is being arranged by hooligan "generals" for next month's Euro 96 championship using modern business methods.

Gang leaders claim to have made contact with gangs abroad by fax and to have held planning meetings. On match days, the leaders will contact each other by mobile telephone; if the police stop a fight, an alternative battle-ground will be arranged.

Yesterday one convicted hooligan in his late 20s, from south London, said there had been regular contacts, for months between rival gang leaders at home and with hooligans in Germany, Holland, France and Italy. The man, the leader of a "firm", said: "We are well prepared. We will be able to move a lot quicker than the police. All the countries, while enemies, have been working together to make sure this all goes to plan."

He forecast that the biggest fight would involve English and Dutch hooligans joining forces against Germany. "Even though we hate Holland, we hate Germany even more and we're out to teach them a lesson."

Neil, 29, a Chelsea fan and member of the notorious Chelsea Headhunters, said the main battles would be against Holland and Scotland: "We know the police are watching us but if they nick one of us there'll be another to take his place. We know the police are using closed-circuit television in and around the grounds so we will meet up away from there. The best places are train stations because you can get to them before they have had a chance to group up."

"The police reckon they are

on top of the situation but how can they stop two sets of people fighting? If we are stopped on match day then we will meet the next day or the next. You cannot patrol every street in every town 24 hours a day. We have been looking forward to this for too long to be stopped."

Neil, who works on a market stall, said: "There is no way we are going to let foreigners come over here and think they can do us. We are playing at home and have nothing to lose. Of course some of us are going to be nicked but we will be out in time for the next game and the next fight. It's not like playing abroad when you can be deported and it's difficult to get back into the country."

"People don't realise how important this is to us. We are defending our country and we are proud of that. The Dutch, Germans and Italians are the main threat, but there are just too many of us. It doesn't matter what weapons they bring, they can't do us all."

Peter, 30, a Millwall supporter who now lives in Manchester, used to be deeply involved with the club's Bushwhacker gang and is coming out of retirement for Euro 96. "Some people enjoy gardening or fishing," he said. "I like fighting."

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Margaret Scott-Bruce with Poppy. Vets said a human pacemaker was the terrier's only chance of survival

NHS leftovers snapped up to save sick pets

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

PETS are being given second-hand human pacemakers as veterinary science comes under increasing pressure to harness medical advances and keep animals alive regardless of cost.

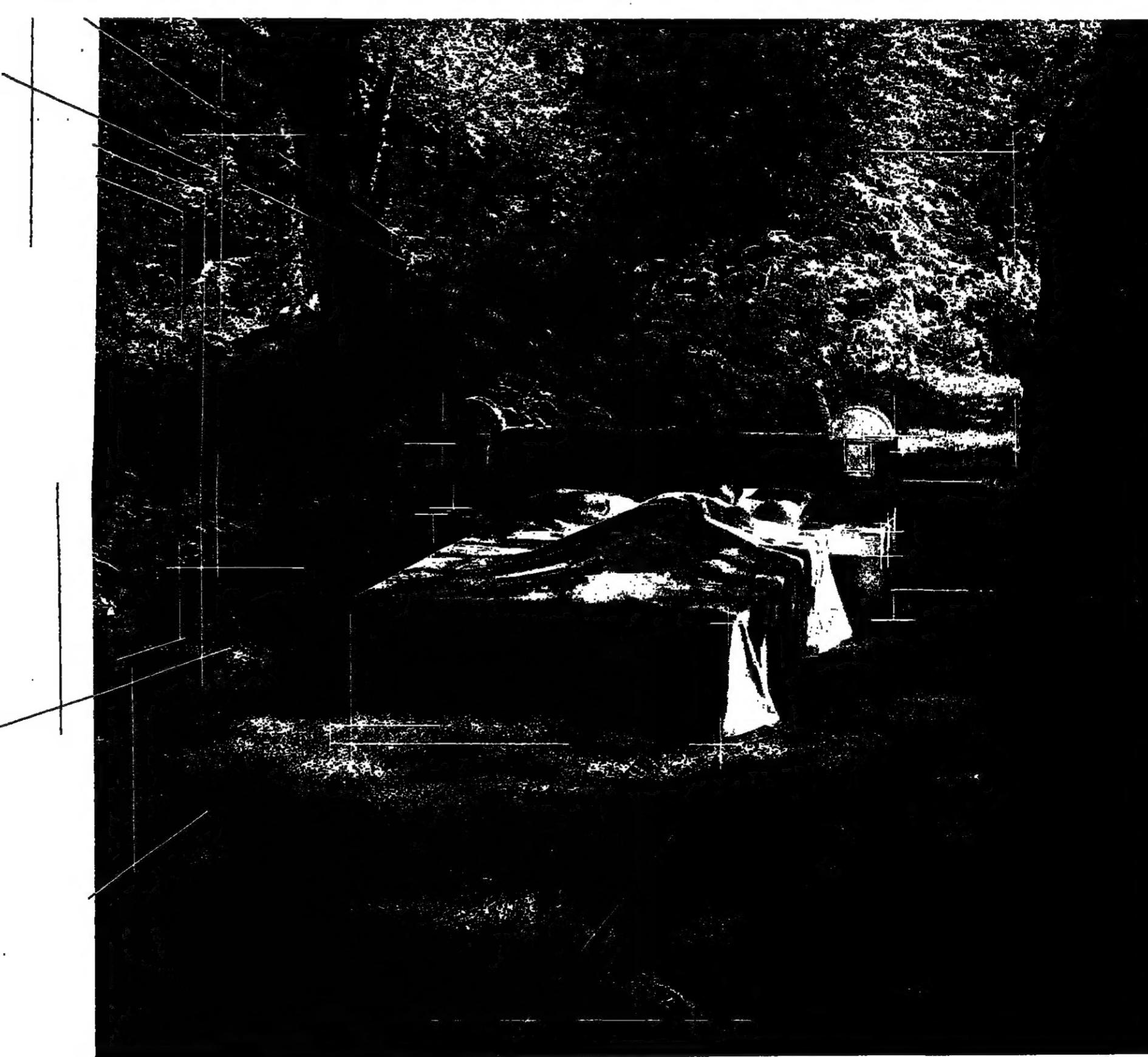
Poppy, a six-year-old cairn bitch, is at the vanguard of a revolution which has brought body scans to cats, dentistry to rabbits and hip replacements to arthritic dogs. Poppy, the pet of Ronald and Margaret Scott-Bruce, was given a chance of life by John Sauvage, a leading vet who uses redundant pacemakers from humans. They cost thousands of pounds to buy for people and are usually scrapped. Mr Sauvage said: "Most hospitals are very keen when they hear a dog might need a pacemaker and just give us the unit."

Pacemakers have to be replaced regularly in humans and are removed from corpses in case they explode during cremation. Either way, the old pacemaker

could end up inside a pet. The Scott-Bruces, from Tonbridge, Kent, are thrilled with Poppy's progress after nine days in hospital and a bill of £1,500. "She was the runt of the litter," said Mr Scott-Bruce, 59, a railway travel adviser. "We took pity on her because we thought no one else would want her. She is now the size of a normal cairn and one would never know."

When Poppy was two, it suffered from coughing fits and collapsed up to 20 times a day. After a seizure almost killed it, the Scott-Bruces were told that only a pacemaker could cure the dog's erratic heartbeat. It was put into a magnetic resonance imaging scanner at the Centre for Small Animal Studies in Newmarket, allowing vets instantly to identify the problem.

"She's been perfect since the operation, fitter than me," Mr Scott-Bruce said. The couple had veterinary insurance.



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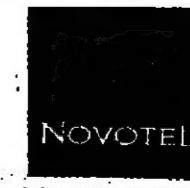
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£24,000 cost of teenagers who stay in education

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR.

PARENTS who think their financial worries are coming to an end when their children reach their late teens could not be more wrong, according to research published today.

Most parents will have to find at least £24,000 to support their children between the ages of 16 and 21 and, in some cases, the bill can be as high as £66,000. The school leaving age used to signal the moment when the majority of teenagers were expected to start earning and contribute to the family budget, but with most staying on at school or college, and a third going on to higher education, the years of dependence have been extended.

Of more than half a million 16-year-olds, fewer than 100,000 now leave school and go into full-time employment.

A survey commissioned by the Asda supermarket chain

found that the majority of teenagers brought in some money, if only from part-time jobs or child benefit, but most of the financial burden was shouldered by parents. Even the low-cost option, without luxuries such as birthday parties, a car or higher education, sets parents back more than £7,500 over the five years.

The research, carried out by Jan Walsh, a consumer specialist, is based on a panel of parents from varying backgrounds with costs verified through national statistics. The bulk of the extra spending for the typical family comes in increased household bills, including more than £1,000 a year for food, but educational costs account for a growing share of the budget.

Parents expect to spend between £60 and £200 a year on birthday and Christmas presents, at least £450 on driving lessons and some add £900 to equip a teenager with a mobile phone. For the third who go to university, the average contribution to maintenance costs is £2,400.

Inevitably, spending varies. The report assumes, for example, that teenagers opt out of family holidays, but some are expected to meet most of the costs of an alternative themselves. High earners, however, will pay up to £500 a year towards the costs.

Ms Walsh says: "The teenage years are nerve-racking and tumultuous — and that's just for the parents. We hope we have calculated for all eventualities; but you never know with teenagers."

The season kicked off this weekend with the Essential Music Festival at Stammer Park, Brighton, with 10,000 a day heading for the rolling hills of the South Downs for the three-day event which ends tonight. Today's reggae day will be headlined by Burning Spear after sell-out crowds on Saturday and yesterday braved the rain to listen to Goldie, the Prodigy, Underworld, Echobelly, the Lightning Seeds and Menswear.

One of the hottest live shows of the year, the



Rock fans see outdoor festivals as good value for money, but promoters are expecting profit margins of more than 10 per cent this season

Fans cheer rock festival revival as profits roll in

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A RENAISSANCE in open-air rock music festivals is expected to attract more than 750,000 people this summer to a dozen big events. Promoters expect a turnover exceeding £20 million.

The dismay of some rural communities, vast tracts of the countryside from *Loch Lomond* to Brighton will fret and heave to generations of fans following artists such as David Bowie, Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and the Sex Pistols to Oasis and Prodigy.

In the wake of their growing revival rock festivals are attracting political muscle, opprobrium and delight in equal measure. Some 80,000 fans have presented Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, with one of the more difficult decisions of his career: whether to approve

two Oasis concerts in a conservation area beside *Loch Lomond*. Tickets for the event on August 3 and 4 have been sold before planning permission has been granted.

If Mr Forsyth refuses, it could cost the Conservatives a large tranche of the youth vote; if he agrees, he risks upsetting rural voters near his Stirling constituency where his majority is 703.

Angry residents, fearing damage to a wildlife haven and their own peace of mind, have complained to West

THE LEADING FESTIVALS THIS SEASON

- ① Tribal Gathering: Osmor Park, Oxfordshire; postponed from May 4-6 date to be announced: Black Grape, Chemical Brothers
- ② May 25-27, Essential Music Festival; Stammer Park, Brighton: 70 acts on two stages; featuring Prodigy, Underworld, The Acid
- ③ June 8 The Fleadh: Finsbury Park, London: Sting, and much Irish music
- ④ June 29, Mastercard Masters of Music Concert; Hyde Park, London; Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan
- ⑤ July 13-14, T in the Park; Strathclyde Country Park, Hamilton; Black Grape, Redhead
- ⑥ July 18-21, Phoenix Festival; Long Marston, Stratford-upon-Avon; David Bowie, Sex Pistols, Bjork, Manic Street Preachers
- ⑦ July 19 to 21, WOMAD; on the banks of the Thames at Womadstock Leisure Centre, Reading; a world music event with 50 artists from 20 countries
- ⑧ August 3 to 4, Loch Lomond Festival; Balloch Country Park, Loch Lomondside, Cess (to be confirmed)
- ⑨ August 10, Oasis; Knebworth Park, Herts
- ⑩ August 17, Monsters of Rock; Donnington Park, Leicestershire
- ⑪ August 22 to 25, Reading Festival; line-up to be announced

Dumbartonshire Council, which stands to gain £70,000 from the concert, its planning committee will make a decision on June 5.

Meanwhile Michael Eavis, the Somerset farmer on whose land the Glastonbury festival is held, is suspending the event this year amid claims that it would harm his chances as prospective Labour parliamentary candidate for Wells.

Mr Eavis maintains that the cows, the farm and the village need a rest from the

100,000 fans who attend.

Melvyn Benn, festival director of the leading promoters Mean Fiddler, which is running the Phoenix festival at Stratford-upon-Avon, said: "The popularity of these events is largely down to the value for money. I rarely pay less than £20 to watch Manchester United play football for 90 minutes. But you can get eight hours' entertainment for that sort of money."

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First car	750	7,785
Car insurance	1,645	2,692
Christmas/birthday gifts	700	1,050
Birthday parties	150	517
Clothing & parties	1,815	3,629
Toiletries	570	638
Contact lenses/solution	0	575
University fees	2,640	17,400
Student loans	0	1,140
Food	5,463	7,259
Holidays	517	2,274
Electricity	340.45	500.25
House contents insurance	963.55	5,500.90
Mortgage	8,962	13,446
Sub total	25,542.90	67,812.85
Child benefit bonus	1,061.60	1,622.40
TOTAL	24,481.30	66,190.45

Young give up British beef

NEARLY half of teenagers have stopped eating British beef since the latest BSE scare, a study has found.

The research indicated that seven out of ten teenagers had lost confidence in British beef since a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease was disclosed. Five of the 11 sufferers linked to the new strain have been under 20. The

Government's advisory group said CJD was a rare disease and the risk of contracting it via beef in the food chain was believed to be extremely low.

The survey found, however, that 72 per cent of teenagers were worried about British beef and 47 per cent had stopped eating it. Nearly 23 per cent were eating less beef and 4 per cent had stopped

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Major questions defence of faith

By RUTH GLEDHILL AND JAMES LANDALE

BUCKINGHAM Palace and Downing Street denied yesterday that the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister were at odds over the future monarch's wish to be seen as "defender of faith" rather than "Defender of the Faith".

John Major had said that for the Prince to be defender of faiths might be seen as an "empty gesture" by people of the faith concerned.

The Palace emphasised that the Prince had not said he wished to be "defender of faiths". Two years ago, the Prince told Jonathan Dimbleby in an interview that he wanted to be seen as "defender of faith".

Martin Bashir, the journalist responsible for the *Panorama* interview with the Princess of Wales, interviewed Mr Major, Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown for an edition of BBC2's *East*, to be broadcast this week, in which Asian viewers put questions via a video link. A Glasgow man asks Mr Major: "Would you

be happy for the Prince of Wales to be titled defender of faiths rather than Defender of the Faith when he succeeds to the throne?" Mr Major replies: "I think we would want as a Government and as a country to defend the integrity of all faiths... but I think it would be a little odd if Prince Charles was a defender of faiths of which he was not a member."

But Dr Jonathan Romain,

Reform rabbi of Maidenhead Synagogue, said that Mr Major was wrong to see the Prince's wish as an empty gesture.

"Prince Charles is recognising the change in the religious climate in Britain, which is now a multi-faith society."

Dr Zaki Badawi, head of the Muslim College, said: "The Prince's declaration expresses his desire that the Crown should extend a respect and dignity to all faiths, as the people of those faiths would also regard the Crown with loyalty and respect."

Archbishops call for church peace

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called on members of Church of England, split over women priests and homosexuality, to ease their differences in the name of Christian unity.

The Archbishop of York, Dr Hope, preaching today at the annual pilgrimage to the traditionalist Anglican shrine at Walsingham, Norfolk, says it is vital for the future of the Church that inventiveness ceases.

Differences must not be minimised, but resolved with patience instead of selfishness.

Dr Hope is expected to face a barrage of protests in the village. Critics of the pilgrimage oppose the catholic ritual of High Churchmanship, especially over devotions paid to the Virgin Mary.

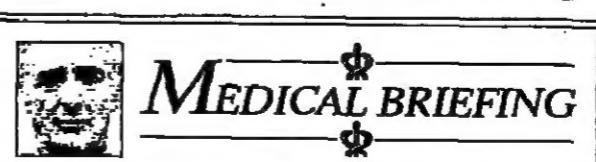
The Anglican shrine, which co-exists peacefully with a Roman Catholic shrine, has been a heartland of opposition to women priests for decades. Dr Hope, regarded as leader of the Church's Anglican

Catholics, is expected to point out today that the Church has been beset by argument from its earliest days: "While we ought never to minimise those things which keep us apart, it is equally vital for the sake of the Christian mission that we seek to make common cause on the very truth on which this shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is established — the Incarnation."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, preaching last night in Los Angeles, said: "Learning to live with differences and love one another is what Christ has always called us to do." He urged members not to "walk away from one another" when difficulties loomed.

Earlier, Dr Carey said the nature of the Anglican Church meant that it carried structured dissent within it: "We are a communion which has internalised disagreement and lives with it gladly, most of the time."

Royal blues are a healthy concern



I t would be an unusually phlegmatic and insensitive boy who at the age of 13 did not have some apprehension about the task of continuing a tradition that has lasted for more than 1,000 years. Prince William, who is reported as expressing such doubts, has an intelligent and sensitive face and is at the age when someone has lost the sociopathic personality of a young child, so well exposed in William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*, but has not yet acquired the assurance and maturity of later adolescence.

If Prince William questions his role as the future King this would seem to be perfectly normal and compatible with his personality. Within three weeks, let alone three years, any adolescent is likely to have totally different views for their minds are complex and malleable so that their opinions, and importantly those of their peers, are constantly changing as their intellects mature and they gain

confidence. There are other adolescents, however, who do show signs of disturbed behaviour which can be difficult to diagnose. This difficulty results in adolescent behavioural problems either being over-diagnosed, and causing unnecessary family dismay, or under-diagnosed, and therefore ignored.

Hypomania — the minor form of mania — is exceedingly rare in childhood but depression is seen more often, and both depression and hypomania are diagnosed comparatively often after puberty. Depression in adolescents, and even younger children, is usually noticed because they become withdrawn and lose pleasure in things that previously brought them happiness. Depressed adolescents

therefore find it hard to accept that physical symptoms are often a sign of depression. In adolescents, headaches, abdominal pain, tiredness and heavy limbs may all be symptoms. Suicide is a risk but, although its incidence is increasing, particularly among boys, it is not yet common.

Childhood and adolescent disorders usually need drug therapy and expert psychiatric guidance; often a change of environment may be needed, but sermons from their elders do not help. In adolescents with a family history of psychiatric disease, care must be taken to minimise stress, including that associated with examinations.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFFORD

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Majorca claims children caught meningitis at home

By TUNIKA VARADARAJAN
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A GIRL aged five from Merseyside, Michaela Leyland, is critically ill with meningitis in a hospital on Majorca. Medical sources at Palma's Son Dureta Hospital, the island's largest, said yesterday that her condition was "extremely grave".

"She is battling for her life," a doctor said.

Local doctors insist that it is

"most unlikely" that Michaela contracted the illness on the island. She has been diagnosed as suffering from meningococcal septicaemia, for which, they argue, the incubation period can be up to ten days, suggesting that she contracted the disease before leaving Britain. Yet the case, the fourth in a week involving young foreign tourists in Majorca has provoked fear among holidaymakers.

Two of the cases proved fatal.

Christopher Richards, 13, from Middleton-on-Sea, West Sussex,

died last Monday in Ca'n Picafor, an 11-year-old German girl at the resort died last Tuesday.

Thomas O'Neill, three, from Leeds, who was diagnosed as suffering from the illness in Magaluf, was released from hospital after responding to treatment.

The local health authorities, reacting to growing panic among tourists with young children, have tried to dispel their fears. Gines Martinez Pina, the Director-General of Health in the Government,

denied on Saturday that there was

an epidemic. "The meningitis was not contracted here," he said. Other officials insisted that the strain has been "imported from Britain".

Bartomeu Cabrer, the Government's health counsellor, insists that all the evidence points to the fact that each of the four children so far infected already had the illness when they arrived in Majorca.

Local health authorities say urgent steps have been taken through the Ministry of Health in Madrid to co-operate with health authorities in Britain, particularly on

Merseyside, so that the "root of the problem" can be traced.

With the meningitis scare coming at a busy period for the travel industry operators in Britain were yesterday attempting to allay fears to minimise cancellations. An Airtricity spokesman said: "We have set up a helpline in Britain to deal with the concerns of those travelling soon... until their fears are put to rest we will continue to provide this service. All the expert medical advice tells us that Majorca is safe and, until we hear

otherwise, we will continue to send holiday makers there."

The spokesman said four parties had cancelled their holidays since last Wednesday but there was no evidence that any tourists had cut short their holidays, adding: "Over the weekend we had 5,000 Britons in Majorca for the Bank Holiday."

John Dolan, 38, Thomas O'Neill's uncle, told yesterday how the boy became ill two days before the family was due to fly home after a two-week holiday. The boy had travelled to Majorca with his

parents, Steven, 36, and Maureen, 33, his brother and another uncle.

"He fell ill on the Thursday and the following day was much worse, with vomiting and shaking," Mr Dolan said.

"He was taken into an international hospital in Palma. An hour after he got there his heart stopped and he was put in intensive care in a critical condition.

"He's a heck of a lucky kid. The odds were against him and they didn't expect him to pull through on Friday night," Mr Dolan said.

Adultery scandal returns to plague Netanyahu on TV

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S lacklustre election campaign exploded into life last night when Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, the right-wing challenger, agreed for the first time that he had been wrong to go on television in 1993 to admit adultery. He alleged that political rivals had videotaped him in "compromising romantic situations" with a woman other than his third wife, Sara.

There are some doubts that the videotape, which he said rivals had threatened to release unless he dropped out of the race for the Likud leadership, exists. David Levy, the rival he implied was behind the threat, is now a political ally.

The public revival of the scandal came during a 30-minute televised debate with his one opponent for the directly elected post of Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, the Labour leader. Pollsters believe that public reaction to the debate will be crucial in determining the outcome of Wednesday's vote, with both men running neck-and-neck.

Blessings and curses rain down on voters

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

SOME of Israel's most important religious parties have been attempting to weave a spell on the country's elections, offering amulets, blessings and curses to influence the vote.

The issue created such a dispute between the parties that it led to the blessings and curses being banned by the Central Elections Committee.

Of the religious parties, Shas and the National Religious Party are the most important. Shas, which is supported by a large number of Jews of Oriental extraction, could maintain its current



and most polls showing Mr Peres with a precarious lead of only four percentage points that could be wiped out by a single suicide bomb attack by Islamic militants.

During the televised debate, Mr Netanyahu, 46, the Likud leader once voted Israel's sexiest politician, tried to shrug off the slur of what one Israeli commentator described as "the sex, lies and videotape affair". Likud officials fear that the affair could lose him vital votes among ultra-Orthodox Jews in whose neighbourhoods his political enemies have put up campaign posters bearing the injunction: "Do

not commit adultery." In the debate, Mr Netanyahu was asked by Dan Margalit, a journalist: "The incident of the tape and admitting adultery on national television — what does this say about your ability to make decisions under pressure?"

The Likud leader, whose election would probably lead to the collapse of the Middle East peace process and whose advisers have been struggling to rebuild his image as a family man, replied: "Regarding that affair [with Ruth Bar, a married political consultant], I expressed deep regret. It hurt me. It hurt my wife."

Mr Netanyahu added: "People here live in fear. The whole country lives in fear. If you pay attention, you may notice that this whole campaign has been an attack on my personality, on my family, my patriotism."

This last remark referred to allegations, backed by documents printed in the daily newspaper *Maariv*, that in America Mr Netanyahu had changed his name to "Niray", allegedly because at one stage he might have been thinking of living in America. Mr Netanyahu, regarded as Israel's most skilful television performer, denied that.

Mr Peres was also subjected to strict questioning. Israel's little-discussed nuclear arsenal — a topic normally subjected to military censorship — was brought into the debate when Mr Margalit said to the Prime Minister:

"You have said that for a real peace, you are willing to give up Israel's nuclear option."

Mr Peres said that this allegation and a charge that he had admitted that the Golani Heights, occupied in 1967, was "Syrian land" were merely "quotes from newspapers". His reply on the nuclear issue was cut off by the bell used when either candidate had gone over the time allotted.

The NRP dismissed the Shas kits as "idol worship", but decided to take no chances and issued their own "undoing vows".

Crowds cheer defiant Suu Kyi

FROM REUTER
IN RANGOON

THE Burmese opposition vowed yesterday to increase the pace of its struggle for democracy as thousands turned out to support it on the first day of a controversial party meeting.

Aung San Suu Kyi, the National League for Democracy's leader, told about 10,000 cheering people outside her Rangoon home that the party would not bend to pressure from the military Government, but would push ahead towards its goal of democracy.

"Giving in to bullying is not good for... the bully or those who are bullied," she told her chanting supporters. "We must have the courage to face the bully's challenge. I am very pleased and satisfied to see the people have real courage."

Daw Suu Kyi spoke after the first day of a three-day party meeting which the ruling military-led State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slorc) tried to scuttle by arresting most of the elected politicians due to attend. Instead of being cowed by 258 arrests, including 238 elected party representatives, Daw Suu Kyi said at the opening ceremony that the meeting was only the first in a series of party gatherings to chart the course of its campaign.

She told a news conference later that the party hoped to hold a meeting of all members elected in the 1990 polls, once they were freed from detention. Slorc says it has not



Aung San Suu Kyi waves to supporters. "The people have real courage," she said

arrested party activists but only detained them for questioning to avoid "anarchy".

Most South-East Asian states have kept an official silence on Burma's crackdown, in contrast to the protests voiced by Britain, America, Australia and Japan.

Daw Suu Kyi said her party plans a more active future.

"We need to have the right to do more. We'll have to create opportunities... the authorities tried very hard to prevent us from holding this conference, but we were determined to go ahead with it."

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Mandela proclaims need for sell-offs

FROM RAY KENNEVY
IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Mandela has set the stage for a fierce dispute with organised labour after he announced on his return from a visit to Germany that privatisation of state assets is a fundamental pillar of government policy.

He discarded the phrase "reconstruction of parastatals" used by the Government to mollify the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu). On his return to South Africa on Friday, he said: "Privatisation is the fundamental policy of the ANC and it is going to be implemented. The responsibility for creating an investor and trade-friendly environment is for us to take."

Mr Mandela was made aware during his three-day German visit that international investor confidence in South Africa can be restored only if his Government adopts a neutral position in relations with both labour and employers.

Today Cosatu is to announce decisions taken at a weekend meeting of its executive. Sam Shilowa, its general secretary, made it plain at a World Economic Forum meeting in Cape Town last week that it views privatisation with total hostility, on the ground that it would perpetuate the effects of apartheid by failing to redress the inequitable distribution of wealth.

Trevor Manuel, the Finance Minister, emphasised yesterday that privatisation would take place after a detailed case-by-case analysis.

Cyprus poll dominated by division

Nicosia: Greeks in Cyprus voted yesterday in elections dominated by Greece's dispute with Turkey over the island which, after 22 years, is at last attracting interest on both sides of the Atlantic (Michael Theodoulou writes).

The most important new element is Cyprus's looming accession to the EU. Entry talks are to begin next year and Brussels is alarmed by the prospect of having to usher in a divided country. America is concerned because the dispute potentially affects Nato.

Chinese to free senior official

Hong Kong: Bao Tong, once one of China's highest ranking officials, who was jailed after Tiananmen, will be released today after seven years (Jonathan Mirsky writes). He was secretary to the Politburo Standing Committee and, in 1989, he was chief of staff to Zhao Ziyang, the party general secretary, who has been under house arrest during Mr Bao's detention.

New Indian poll 'a matter of time'

Delhi: The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, sworn in 11 days ago to form the next Indian Government, has admitted that it is likely to lose a vote of confidence this week. Its leader, Lal Krishna Advani, said fresh elections "were only a matter of time" after polls this month resulted in a hung parliament. (Reuters)

Queen snubbed over Olympics

Sydney: Bob Carr, Premier of New South Wales, has said the Queen will not be welcome to open the 2000 Olympics (Roger Maynard writes). The Premier, who has no power to exclude the Queen, has not ruled out inviting Australia's Governor-General.



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Chechenia failures force Yeltsin to peace table

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FROM THOMAS DE WAAL
IN ALLEROL CHECHENIA

WHEN President Yeltsin receives today the leader of the Chechen rebels—or "bandits" as he has called them in the past—it will be a tacit acknowledgement that he has failed to crush the separatist rebellion by military means.

Finding a solution to the war in Chechenia has become the most urgent policy priority for Mr Yeltsin as he approaches the June 16 presidential elections, because the 17-month-old war continues to be deeply unpopular in Russia.

A peace plan announced on March 31 by the President has failed to bring any conspicuous results and Mr Yeltsin has decided to take the matter publicly out of the hands of his generals, entrusting it to his own personally appointed peace commission.

Today Zelimkhan Yandarbiev, the rebel leader, will be accompanied from the southern hills of Chechenia to the gates of the Kremlin by the head of the Grozny mission of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. The talks will focus on a long-term military truce and avoid the thorny question of Chechenia's political status.

In public, the Russian authorities have put up their huge spring offensive in Chechenia. Yesterday the top Russian commander in Chechenia, Vyacheslav Tikhonov, said the rebels' stronghold in the village of Bamut had fallen to his forces and a "turning point" had been reached in the war.

But the authorities fail to announce that the bases they have "captured", like the mountain village of Vedeno, are often quickly retaken by the Chechen rebels days or



Folk singers surround a campaigning Boris Yeltsin in the city of Archangel

weeks later. And they report casualty rates that do not match the intensity of the fighting on the ground.

In the wooded valleys of southeast Chechenia there are no Russian soldiers to be seen at all. Khunkar Israipov, the man who led the defence of the village of Pervomaiskoye in January against a huge Russian bombardment, receives visitors openly in his mother's

house in the village of Allerol. "Any plot of land that they take has to be captured again and again," he said. "They went up to Vedeno and now they have to fight their way back there."

Another fighter, Hussein, said: "I always carry my weapons when I go through a checkpoint. The soldiers just turn away. No one wants any shooting."

The Chechens say they have been forced to take up new tactics, choosing lightning raids in preference to open battles. They say small units of fighters have infiltrated everywhere, including the capital, Grozny, which can take the Russians by surprise. The strategy plays to their strengths: knowledge of the terrain and high mobility. One such attack on an

German minister hounded

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

day, drawing up "best practice" recommendations. Argument is still raging, however, on whether the delegates should call for "sustainable" development in cities or "sustained" economic growth.

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Wally N'Dow, the Secretary-General of Habitat II, as the conference is called, said urban poverty was not a North-South issue: there were problems in London and New York, just as there were in the Third World.

Local authorities will play a key role at the Istanbul conference, which starts next Mon-

day, drawing up "best practice" recommendations. Argument is still raging, however, on whether the delegates should call for "sustainable" development in cities or "sustained" economic growth.

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"If the accusations are true then Borchart should resign," Ottmar Schreiner, the Social Democratic deputy leading the attack, said yesterday.

The rumours have been circulating in Bonn for ten days and were made public in the mass circulation *Bild am Sonntag* yesterday. According to the newspaper, Herr Borchart, Franz-Josef Feiter, his state secretary, and their wives flew in a Luftwaffe jet to Cordoba early last year. The official pretext was to discuss European matters. However, the trip was arranged for a Friday afternoon and they were soon joined by Spanish ministers in a hunt for an Iberian mountain goat.

UN issues warning over growth in urban poverty

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BY 2025 more than two-thirds of the world's population will live in cities, many of them sprawling Third World conurbations with more than 20 million people, and be suffering from poverty, crime, health hazards and acute housing shortages.

The world's cities are growing by a million people each week. Despite increasing investment, more than a third of the urban population lives in substandard housing and at least 600 million people—half of them children—live in life-threatening situations. About 50,000 die a year because of poor shelter, polluted water and bad sanitation.

The United Nations has released the figures in the run-up to next week's conference on housing and shelter in Istanbul. The gathering is the sixth in the series of UN conferences on poverty, popu-

THINKING THE UNTHINKABLE . . . WHAT IF THE COMMUNISTS WIN?

Throughout the world foreign ministries, defence experts, think-tanks and financiers are pondering the outcome of Russia's election beginning on June 16. With President Yeltsin and the Communist party leader Gennadi Zyuganov running neck-and-neck they are forced to ask what will happen if the Communists return to power? The Times's correspondents give some of their answers.

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Are we back to the Cold War?

Russian Communists insist that they do not want confrontation with the West, though their statements put them on a collision course with their Cold War adversaries. The Communists, whose ideology is as nationalistic as it is international, believe that a Nato move northwards is a direct threat. The Kremlin will create a military alliance among Central European countries. Exploration would almost certainly increase and the tensions between Moscow and Washington would rise. Although they do not intend to export Marxist revolution, the Communists have diplomatic relations and military ties with countries like Iraq, Cuba, India and China.

Is this the end of reform?

The Communists could cut public spending and crack down on civil liberties. They have made it clear that they would abandon free market principles. Some industries would be nationalised and some loss-making enterprises returned to government control. The economy, which is currently tattered, might be forcefully resisted by the younger generation. The economy would lead to an instant flight of capital, spiralling inflation and would destroy the credibility of the ruble. By contrast, Mr Clinton might look naive for pinning so much hope on Mr Yeltsin.

Will the Soviet Empire return?

The Communists plan to reassert the former Soviet Empire and re-negotiate most of the agreements that the West would resist and threaten to drag the West into war.

Will Mr Dole gain?

The return of Communists to power would inevitably revive Cold War fears in America. That could well drive voters back to Mr Clinton. As representative of a generation that won the second World War and the Cold War and has no memory of either, Mr Dole would be unlikely to support a huge appetite of nuclear weapons and he would be expected to proceed with the proposed cutback in weapons.

Will Mr Clinton gain?

Reelection by the Russian parliament of Mr Zyuganov becomes the next Russian President. He would be faced with difficult decisions within the framework of the British Conservative model and update plans in the City for financing Russian reform, and would boost British efforts to form a military alliance with Central and Eastern Europe. Exchanges of civil servants and defence experts might be curtailed.

What will Nato react?

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What will Britain do?

A Communist victory would mean that Britain's closest ally has built up with Russia. This could lead to a cut in the Know-How Fund; would certainly affect Britain's defence budget and upset plans in the City for financing Russian reform, and would boost British efforts to form a military alliance with Central and Eastern Europe. Exchanges of civil servants and defence experts might be curtailed.

New defence priorities?

British defence cuts are likely to be put on hold. Defence co-operation with the Russian military would be strengthened - would win. Russian strategy and tactics would again be the focus for military planning. The defence lobby and the Conservative Right would be strengthened, and defence agencies again would be bound to see investment levels fall.

Will international tension grow?

In diplomacy, Britain will no longer be able to count on Russia as a reliable Security Council partner. The West is likely to exchange less information on world issues: the Middle East, Bosnia and nuclear non-proliferation.

There could be a greater focus on the threats to former Soviet republics, especially Ukraine. Russia may step up nuclear co-operation with Iran and other states. Increased ideological competition might renew the remaining small Western Communist parties.

Will America reverse its policies?

Mr Dole and the Republicans Congress have been pressing for a freeze on military spending and the deployment of a national missile defence system by 2000. They have argued that the US must remain neutral in the future of Nato. The Russian military is entrenched, but in an election year Mr Clinton would be under pressure to make some concessions to those demands or face Republican charges that he was soft on Russia's security and Central Europe's new democracies.

Will the Soviet Empire return?

The Russian Army's poor performance in Chechnya has demonstrated that a Central European power would be in no position to project its military power.

What will happen to Europe's aid programme?

European Union aid to help Russia in the transition to a market economy has gone from \$200 million since 1991, and a further \$250 million by 2000 - one of the biggest multi-lateral aid packages in history. This would probably be put on ice.

What will happen to Western Europe?

Historically, it is Germany which has most to lose. Any instability in Russia would have serious reverberations in Germany, which spends more than \$10 billion a year. German computers and machine tools have been helping to modernise Russia's oil and gas industry. Fuelled by German energy, neither country has an incentive to jeopardise such mutually beneficial ties.

What will happen to Western Europe?

Much depends on what General Zyuganov intends to do. During a meeting with German business leaders earlier this month, he said that while he was against further privatisations, Russia would remain open to the market. This could be a major blow to see investment levels fall.

What will happen to Western Europe?

A new military threat from the east could be created. President Clinton's plans to cut the French defence budget, while accelerating France's re-integration into Nato.

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What will happen to Western Europe?

King Simeon II attends church in Sofia yesterday

Tears of joy as Bulgarian King returns home after 50 years

BY ADAM LEBOR

THE ecstatic welcome that hundreds of thousands of Bulgarians gave King Simeon II, who returned at the weekend after 50 years in exile, is testament to the enduring power of the monarchy over Marxism in Eastern Europe.

The Habsburg throne in Vienna that once ruled half a continent stands empty and the family's neighbours in Bulgaria and Romania are now more figureheads in exile. King Simeon in Madrid and King Michael of Romania in Switzerland. However, even

after over four decades of communism, an ideology that is the very antithesis of royal privilege through birth, both remain powerful figureheads in the lands where their forefathers held sway.

King Simeon, 59, returned to Sofia on Saturday, having fled Bulgaria as a child in 1946 when the victorious Soviet Army installed a puppet Communist regime. Joyous Bulgarians mobbed him yesterday when he toured the capital's Orthodox churches.

Opinion polls say fewer

than 20 per cent of Bulgarians want the monarchy restored, but at least as many Bulgarians came out to welcome their King as took part in the pro-democracy demonstrations of 1989.

Simeon says he is still King, as he has never abdicated, claiming, probably rightly, that the 1946 referendum that declared Bulgaria a republic was rigged by the pro-Moscow Communist Government. There was no live coverage of his arrival, but the Saturday night news bulletins did mention his visit, referring to him as Simeon Coburgski, the name on his passport.

The Sunday newspapers showed photographs of King Simeon overcome by tears of joy as he greeted the jubilant crowds. Many of those who turned out for him were elderly and able to remember the monarchy when it still ruled this small Balkan nation of almost nine million people.

The royal reception will have sent tremors through Sofia's corridors of power. Bulgaria's economy is in a parlous state, organised crime has a stranglehold on the country, and alone among the post-Communist nations of Eastern Europe, Bulgarians are once again queuing to buy bread.

Albanian polling extended

FROM REUTER
IN TIRANA

ALBANIA extended voting in the former Communist state's third free election by two hours yesterday as queues formed at polling stations for the tight race between the ruling conservatives and opposition Socialists.

Witnesses said voting was brisk and likely to meet the expected turnout of about 80 per cent. Queues appeared at polling stations in the capital, Tirana, soon after doors opened. The ruling Democratic Party said that about 42 per cent of voters had cast their ballot by early afternoon.

The extension came half way through the first stage of the two-round vote. The second round will be held next Sunday in constituencies where no candidate wins more than half the vote.

Streets were unusually quiet and the atmosphere appeared calm, despite a bitter month-long campaign in which Democrats and Socialists accused each other of intimidation and violence.

Communications remain primitive in Albania and it may take some time for all the results to reach Tirana. About 2.2 million Albanians are eligible to vote for 24 registered parties.

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THE ART OF SMOOTH SAILING

Indecision rules as Euro-worrier Major pins his colours to the mast

The Conservative Party "is finished. It's all over." The man delivering this stern obituary on Britain's governing party was a senior German diplomat and he was sitting on the beach at Cannes during last summer's European Union summit. He had no sound too distressed by the end of British Toryism.

Chaos reigned at the time in the Conservative Party because John Major had put himself up for re-election as the party's leader only a few days before arriving on the Riviera. As we sat watching the yachts bobbing in the bay, I tried to explain to my



IN EUROPE

German acquaintance that our political parties rarely go under because their deep roots and Britain's voting system have created reliant institutions. In the hope of "reuniting" some of his lost

The Tory party, I told him.

is having a nervous breakdown over Europe; such crises are serious, but not usually fatal. The man from Bonn was not convinced: he clung to the unspoken hope that the Tories might split and that the Euro-sceptics he hates might disappear down the plughole of history.

Some hope. The Prime Minister has plunged the EU into one of its phases when domestic politics dominate. For all the claims that we are now "ruled from Brussels", the EU system wholly depends on national governments and national political systems. But in the Cabinet a split has developed between the needs of national strategy and what short-term tactics

influence. Mr Major will try to use the EU to strengthen his hand at home.

Last week he basked in compliments paid to his decisiveness. The Prime Minister, in the eyes of his backbenchers, may have finally got a grip, seized the time and pinned his colours to the mast. But he has made no decision of any importance affecting the EU's future. Indecision rules, as before.

A European fault-line runs not between the Tories and Labour but through both parties. But in the Cabinet a split has developed between the needs of national strategy and what short-term tactics

require. Mr Major's inability to reconcile the two gives Britain's European policy its fuzzy, volatile quality.

Tory tacticians such as Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, want to stage-manage a confrontation with the rest of the EU which allows the Government to talk tough without actually detonating an explosion that blows Britain out of the Union.

Generation of maximum resentment for Brussels and Germany is aimed at exploiting the feeling that Britain, in the words of Teddy Taylor MP, "is powerless to tell the

EU what to do". The ministers, officials, Opposition politicians and think-tank gurus who grope for a workable British strategy in Europe are not looking to tell the EU what to do because pursuing such an aim is about as useful as chasing moonbeams. They are engaged in the long, hard business of trying to increase British leverage in the EU system. "Our project is for the years between 2000 and 2010," said one of the very few Tory forward thinkers on Europe this afternoon.

But over-the-horizon strategy goes out of the window at election time. Who, in either party, now wants to hear

about "variable geometry" or to wait for the right opportunity to negotiate a more flexible EU?

Eventually a moment will come when the EU, with or without a single currency, must reshape itself in order to welcome the states of Central Europe. That is bound to involve a "core" of common policies and rules applied to plenty of other options and opt-outs. While Britain should float ideas along these lines, the Government need be in no hurry to decide anything too soon. The British bargaining position improves if Germany has to

open the bidding. Success, in other words, depends on a realistic objective, consistently pursued with patience which waits for opportunities. Alexis de Tocqueville, writing 160 years ago, understood the problem. A democracy, he wrote, "is unable to regulate the details of an important undertaking, to persevere in a design and to work out its execution in the presence of serious obstacles. It cannot combine its measures with secrecy and it will not await their consequences with patience." Sounds a bit like Britain in 1996.

GEORGE BROCK

PATRICK GARDIN

Clinton's desire for second child seen as election gambit

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY CLINTON'S disclosure that she and President Clinton are talking about having another child, or adopting one, is bound to raise the hackles of their political opponents in an election year.

However honourable their motives, the couple will be perceived as making a contrived pitch for family values and of trying to dispel the character issue that continues to dog the President over the pending sexual harassment lawsuit by Paula Jones.

Even by discussing a sibling for their daughter, Chelsea, 16, the Clintons are subliminally accentuating the age difference between themselves and Bob Dole, the Republican candidate for President. Mr Dole will be 73 in July and is entitled to consider himself long past parenthood. Mr Clinton turns 50 this year and Mrs Clinton will be 49, but rearing young children is not unknown among their fellow greying baby-boomers.

Mrs Clinton's thoughts on a return to motherhood appear in this week's *Time* magazine. The suspicion of a calculated play is reinforced by the interview coinciding with next Saturday's rally in Washington.

ton to "Stand for Children", an event organised by Mrs Clinton's liberal friends from her days as legal counsel for the Children's Defence Fund.

Mrs Clinton laughed when asked if she really wanted to have a second child. She said: "I have to tell you I would be surprised but not disappointed. My friends would be appalled, I'm sure. But I think it would be terrific."

Asked about adoption, she said: "I must say we're hoping that we have another child."

She and Mr Clinton had talked about adoption on and off for a long time and were talking more about it now. But she cautioned: "We'd obviously wait to get serious about it until after the election. There's too much going on in our lives right now. We'd have to think hard about it, especially if it were an older child, the pressures of the White House on a child like that."

Still, she hoped that something would come of it, because "giving a child a chance and sharing what you have with a child is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, as well as a child."

She had worked hard, she said, to promote adoptions in America, including those across racial lines as well as for the older and handicapped children. When the interviewer wondered if the Clintons would consider a cross-racial adoption, she said they had not gone into such detail.

In her new book about children, *It Takes a Village*, she reveals that she had difficulty conceiving after her marriage in 1975. The couple were planning a visit to a fertility clinic after a holiday in 1979 when "lo and behold, I got pregnant during the vacation . . . I've often remarked to my husband that we might have had more children if we had taken more vacations".

During Mr Clinton's campaign four years ago, Mrs Clinton was pilloried by the Right for her long advocacy of children's rights. Republicans, by contrast, have been pushing for parental rights. She criticised them for proposing legislation that would enable parents to make decisions that would affect not their own child but other children as well. They should not pass laws that prevent parents from sending their children to sex education classes if they want to, she said.



Cristina Sánchez demonstrates her skill at the Nimes feria and, below, holds up the bull's ears she was awarded for delighting the crowd

Brother tells of bomber fears

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE brother of the suspected Unabomber yesterday described the reclusive Harvard-trained radical as "disturbed" and said he had turned him in to the authorities to stop anyone else getting killed.

In an interview with *The New York Times*, David Kaczynski said he was breaking his silence in the hope that he could save his brother, Ted, from a possible death penalty for the 18-year string of letter-bombs which have killed three people and injured 23 others.

"I think Ted has been a disturbed person for a long time and he's gotten more disturbed," he said. "It serves no one's interest to put him to

death, and certainly it would be an incredible anguish for our family if that were to happen."

Ted Kaczynski, who dropped out after a promising career as a mathematician at the universities of Harvard and Berkeley, was arrested at his remote Montana cabin on April 3 on explosives charges.

He has not been charged with any Unabomber crimes, but investigators say they have amassed a mountain of evidence against him, including the suspected master copy of the 35,000-word Unabomber manifesto.

David Kaczynski said it was his wife, Linda Patrik, a college professor, who first suggested light-heartedly that his older brother might be the Unabomber, even though she had never met him. "Hey, you've got this screwy brother," he recalled her saying. "Maybe he's the guy."

When the Unabomber manifesto was published in September, the couple went to a local library to read a copy.

"My jaw dropped," David Kaczynski said. "It continued to sound enough like him that I was really upset that it could be him."

A social worker in a shelter for runaways in New York, David Kaczynski confessed he had never understood his brother. "He's quite a mystery to me."



Acclaim for first woman matador

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

CRISTINA SÁNCHEZ has made history by becoming the first female matador in the annals of European bullfighting.

The rapt crowd at the bullring in Nimes, in southern France, rose to its feet on Saturday as Señorita Sánchez plunged her sword into Pocabarra, a high-brown bull weighing 22lb.

Pocabarra's death marked not only the graduation of Señorita Sánchez from *novillero* — the second division in Spanish tauromachy — to fully fledged matador, but also a likely doubling in her appearance fees for future bullfights to nearly £3,000.

The grand bullring at Nimes, set in an ancient Roman amphitheatre, was a fitting venue for her *alternativa*, or formal investiture. Curro Romero, the veteran bullfighter, acted as her *padrino*, or godfather, offering Señorita

Sánchez, 24, his sword and cape in a poignant opening ceremony.

Señor Romero said to her: "I am old, Cristina, and have acted in several *alternativas*, but no other has moved me as much as this one. Whatever happens in future, I want you to know that you have more merit than anyone."

He added: "Women caress better than men, and as you are aware a bull must be caressed."

Señorita Sánchez then proceeded to "caress" the two bulls she faced, both older, heavier and more dangerous than any she had previously encountered.

As she fought, the band struck up a well-known *paso doble*, and spurred her to such heights that she was awarded two bulls' ears by the presiding judge for the skill and ceremony with which she had dispatched the two beasts.

A glittering — and profitable — career now awaits this young matador from Madrid. But although the macho world of bullfighting has, on the whole, welcomed her presence in the bullring, there are some who still look askance at her. Jésulin de Ubrique, the young male star of Spanish bullfighting, has said he will never agree to appear in the ring with Señorita Sánchez.

Others suggest that her physical frailty could cause her problems in the first division. Joaquín Vidal, the bullfighting critic of *El País* and the country's most acute observer of the bullring and its art, has said that, while her technique is of a very high standard, she could be seriously handicapped in future, against the bigger and tougher bulls which a matador must eventually face, by her obvious lack of strength.

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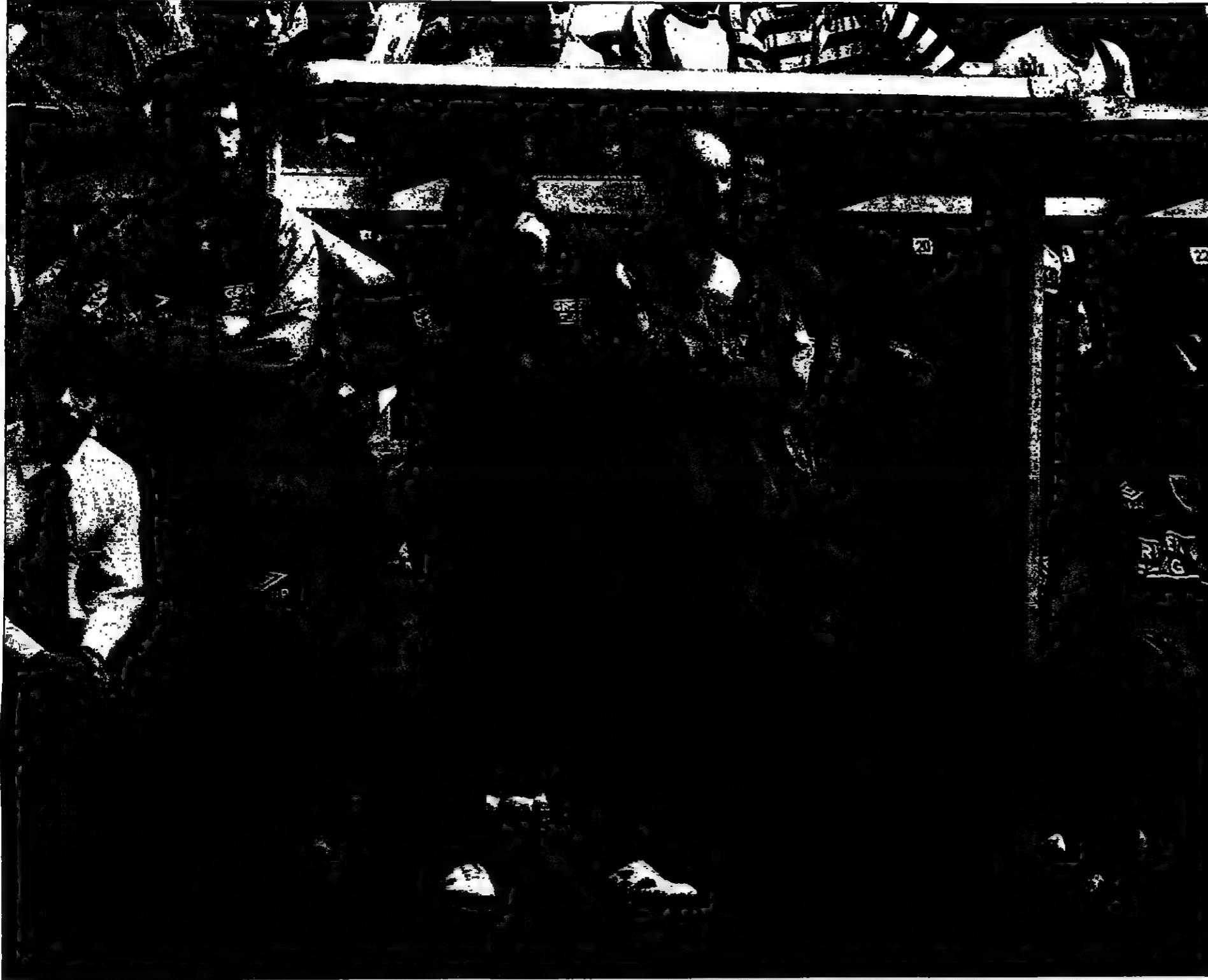
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Surface tension threatens Sampras dream



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Venables looks on with the rest of the England bench as his players struggle yesterday. Sheringham, right, offering little comfort after missing one of several chances. Photographs: Laurence Griffiths

England emerge unscathed from Hong Kong kickabout

Ferdinand spares blushes

Hong Kong Select XI 0
England XI 1

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE
IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong Golden Select XI wore a fetching flamingo-coloured strip for their big day, but by the end of a dismal afternoon in the national stadium here yesterday, the faces of the England football team had turned a brighter shade of pink. But for a goal by Les Ferdinand just before half-time, and an inspired save by David Seaman just after, Hong Kong's ragbag of twilight professionals and callow locals would have reduced England to a far greater state of embarrassment in their final match before the European championships.

It was just as well for the England players that the coach, Terry Venables, rightly set little store by the venture. Had he done so, Dave Watson, aged 34 and hired for a £12,000 match fee to play for the Select XI, would be a serious case for inclusion in the final squad of 22 to be announced in the next two days. He was comfortably the best defender on show, though Les Ferdinand (in the first half), Alan Shearer (in the second) and Robbie Fowler (in the last 15 minutes) hardly gave the Everton defender a run for his money.

The best striker was watching from the stand. George Weah, here to publicise AC Milan's match against Instant-Dict, a club side in Hong Kong, on June 7, and goodness

knows what the world footballer of the year made of England's three most prolific forwards. A total of 84 FA Carling Premiership goals between them last season and yet, for all bar the split-second when Ferdinand headed home Sheringham's slanted cross, tied up by a defensive pairing of Watson and Mike Duxbury, with a combined age of 70.

For all his chipper response — a win is a win and all that — Venables must be concerned by the poor form of his main strikers. Shearer is looking more forlorn by the game, though restricted to cameos in the last two games, might be included in the squad alongside the versatile Neville brothers. Either way, flexibility

Adams also returning from injury, much as he would like to have a more constructive centre-half in the confirmed absence of Mark Wright.

Gareth Southgate can cover in the centre and on the left of defence, where he plays for

England are equipped to play four or three at the back now in a way they were not on that chaotic night in Norway when Gary Pallister was picked by Graham Taylor as a third central defender to counter Jostein Flo. Even Adams, the archetypal 4-4-2 man, has expressed his faith in the new way.

Today will not be an enjoy-

able one for Venables. He has

already disappointed one

member of this England

squad (probably Robert Lee)

by telling him he will not be

needed for the European

championship. Now he has to

tell four more: maybe Howey,

Jason Wilcox, Jamie Redknapp and Fowler. Fowler

has become Paul Gascoigne's designated

minister on this tour.

In midfield, Paul Ince,

David Platt, Gascoigne and

Darren Anderton are certainties

and Steve McManaman has

shown just enough in his

two games in the Far East to

earn his place without yet

reaching his Liverpool form.

Wilcox might have timed his

run just too late, while Steve

Stone's uncomplicated, direct

style and his ability to deliver

telling crosses at pace is too

valuable to lose.

The main question, an ap-

alling one for anyone who

witnessed England's woeful

lack of invention yesterday,

concerns Gascoigne's under-

study. Redknapp is the obvi-

ous alternative, but has been

unconvincing over the past

two weeks. Dennis Wise is

suspect temperamentally. Lee

has never been the same since

Kevin Keegan, his manager at

Newcastle, called him the best

midfield player in the country.

My mind goes back to the

moment last year when

Venables preferred Wise to

Matthew Le Tissier. The deci-

sion caused much hand-

wringing among aesthetes,

but was proved plum right by

the surprisingly inventive and

predictably combative perfor-

mance of his man. Wise can

play wide and man-mark if

necessary, which adds to his

value. The only doubt about

him is a groin injury picked up

in training this week. He has

not played in the Far East.

Pragmatism has always

been Venables's hallmark. His

squad will be streetwise,

adaptable, well-organised and

tactically sound, qualities

shown off handsomely in

Peking — but the ease with

which a makeshift team stumped

England in Hong Kong did

not augur so well. Perhaps it

will be best to bring the

mist, which obliterated the

hills around the city all yester-

day, down a few more yards to

cross the whole game.

The England party fly home

tonight and will have the rest

of the week off before the 22-

man squad reassembles at

Bisham Abbey on Sunday to

put the final touches to their

preparation. Just a matter of

tightening up, Venables says.

"We will be ready by the time

it comes round," he added. It

had certainly been a long,

slow, crescendo.

ENGLAND (4-4-1): D Seaman (Arsenal)

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, S. Carragher (Tottenham Hotspur)

, S. Pearce (Nottingham Forest)

, S. Stone (Nottingham Forest)

, G. Southgate (Aston Villa)

DEFENDERS: T Adams (Arsenal)

, P. Venables (Newcastle United)

, U. Ehiogu (Arsenal), S. Campbell

(Tottenham Hotspur), G. Neville (Man-

chester United)

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, S. Pearce (Nottingham Forest)

, G. Southgate (Aston Villa)

MIDFIELD PLAYERS: D Anderton

(Tottenham Hotspur), P. Gascoigne

(Rangers), P. Ince (Internazionale)

, D Platt (Arsenal)

, S. McManaman (Liverpool), D. Platini

(Arsenal), S. Stone (Nottingham Forest)

, D. Wise (Chelsea)

FORWARDS: N. Barnaby (Middlesbrough)

, P. Beardsley (Newcastle United)

, L. Ferdinand (Newcastle United)

, A. Shearer (Blackburn Rovers)

, T. Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur)

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Gough's accuracy helps to restrict Indian total but early loss of Atherton impedes run-chase

England are repaid for commitment to overtime

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (India won the toss): England, with nine wickets in hand, need 235 runs in 49 overs to beat India

THE Texaco Trophy has been a grimly unsatisfactory event, stretching over five damp days rather than its intended three, but England will consider it overtime well spent if they can successfully chase a target of 237 at Old Trafford today and complete a 2-0 win over India.

They must do so without the stabilising influence of their captain, Michael Atherton, snared leg-before by Javagal Srinath in the one over England were permitted before rain closed in on Manchester once more. Given reasonable conditions today, however, the pursuit should not be beyond them.

Simply to break the losing habit, as they did at Headingley on Saturday, made this frustrating battle against the weather worthwhile for an England side exhibiting refreshing enthusiasm and vitality. They had lost their previous nine internationals against Test-playing opposition and the relief of a win was tangible.

Yesterday, on a better pitch than was seen in Leeds but in comparably gloomy weather, England will have been happy to restrict India to 236 for four from 30 overs. That the touring side made this many, after the first half of the innings had yielded only 77, owed a great deal to their captain, Mohammad Azharuddin, who played fluently for the second successive day.

Azharuddin and the manager, Sandeep Patil, had reacted sharply to the Indians' fragile batting in the first two games. Sidhu and Manjrekar, with 179 one-day appearances between them, were dropped to make way for Ganguly and Dravid, who boasted an aggregate of five. Mhambre, the most vulnerable of their seam bowlers, was also omitted, to accommodate a second spin bowler, Raja.

Within such tinkering, however, the Indians' dependence

Sachin Tendulkar remains clear and it has not been a profitable series for him. His dismissal on Thursday, to a rank leg-before decision, was hardly his fault, but he was complicit in his own run out on Saturday and, yesterday, he had made only one when Dominic Cork found the outside edge. Hick, at second slip, did the rest.

This was just the start to blunt India's expectations and, with the help of a three-hour break for rain, England contained them capably. Cork always looked dangerous, even if his line was variable, but the best of the bowling came from Darren Gough, who kept a full length and dipped the ball late into the right-handers.

When he swings the ball at will like this, Gough is a handful and England need him to sustain the mood. He did not try to bowl genuinely fast here but impressed sufficiently to suggest he might regain the Test place he lost so disappointingly after the Johannesburg game last Decem-

ber. hurling the ball skywards and catching it a second time, behind his back.

This was symptomatic of the new jauntiness in England's out-cricket and it can only reflect well upon David Lloyd, the coach. Even Atherton, who can be protractedly lugubrious in the field, is wearing a smile that seems utterly unfurled. It is a good sign.

Azharuddin gave the Indian total some late momentum with two sixes in an over from Neil Smith and his unbeaten 73 was made from only 64 balls. His opposite number is not in such good form, despite his sunny profile, and Atherton's second-ball dismissal for nought left him with only 20 runs from the three-game series.

The decision was given by the hugely-experienced David Constant, for whom this is a first international since he voluntarily stood down from the panel in 1990. Constant and Allan Jones, by contrast standing in his maiden international, had no choice but to take the teams off as the rain intensified and, despite regular attempts to restart, even in drizzle, they eventually had to concede to the safety-net of another reserve day.

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christened in honour of his father. Racin builds houses in his spare time.

Last year, he tested a car called the "Green Monster" for a land speed record. Earlier this year, he attended the Buck Baker Driving School. He spent most of yesterday's race in last place. More than half the field of 33 had never raced here before.

In contrast, none of the star drivers

whose family names have become part of American culture, drivers like Al Unser Jr and Michael Andretti, and new heroes like Paul Tracy and Jimmy Vasser, took part here. They were in Brooklyn, Michigan, taking part in the inaugural US 500, set up as a protest against qualifying restrictions imposed for this race by Tony George, the President of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. That race, too, was dogged by mediocrity when 12 of the 26 cars were taken out of the race before it had even started when Vasser spun on the final lap.

George has created a breakaway IndyCar organisation, the Indy Racing League (IRL), with the Indy 500 at its heart. It is supposed to be an attempt to establish a sporting event as bigger than all of the sport's leading protagonists, taking no account of talent as a pre-requisite for entry.

Some of the spectators may even

have been enticed to the circuit by the

promise of mayhem induced by the presence of so many inexperienced drivers. Even that did not materialise and all they got, in the first half of the 200 laps around the 2.5 mile oval, was a comedy of basic errors.

It started when the drivers responded to the instruction "Gentlemen, start your engines" and were then promptly told to turn them off. When the race started, it was interrupted constantly by cars spinning on the track even when the cars were under the yellow caution flag. Almost a third of the first 100 laps were run under the yellow flag while the minor accidents were cleared from the track. After 150 laps, Roberto Guerrero was the leader.

But it was the internal squabbles between two strands of American motor sport that turned yesterday's race into a sort of twisted fairy story, a chance for this succession of racing no-hoppers to weave amongst each other at speeds of more than 230 mph in front of a crowd of 350,000. Some had never driven an IndyCar; others had credentials even less reliable.

Meet Racin Gardner, from Las Vegas. Slick Racin is his real name,

a better chance to get a drive. The top talents, though, have stayed in the opposing series, run by the Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART), and the IRL has been left with the flotsam and jetsam.

ABC still televised the race live yesterday and polls suggested it would attract more viewers than the US 500, which started two hours later and was broadcast by ESPN. Those who tuned in to the Indy 500 expecting the usual fare, though, got a rude shock.

One of the only experienced drivers, Scott Brayton, was killed in practice here ten days ago, the 40th driver to lose his life at the Speedway. So the 80th Indy 500 was a sad parody of itself before it had even started. Outside the gates, ticket touts were left clutching thick wads of tickets that usually sell for more than \$1,000, unable even to give them away.

In the short term, the Indianapolis 500 will survive, partly because it is an American institution, partly because it is not necessary to have the best drivers in the world to have an entertaining race. If the feud continues, though, George may discover that even institutions can fall into decay, fade and die.



Stewart, a revitalised force behind the stumps for England, celebrates the stumping of Ganguly off the bowling of Thorpe, his Surrey team-mate

Winning ways reflect new purpose

During a break for rain at Old Trafford yesterday, the England players did an unusual thing. They held up to the crowd, through the window of the home dressing-room, a large card bearing the word "WIN" on it.

This was unusual not only because England winning a cricket match — as they did at Headingley on Saturday — is an occasion worthy of a national holiday but because it revealed previously hidden levels of self-esteem among the players. They were actually proud of themselves.

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SIMON WILDE
At Old Trafford

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and less encouraging for their long-term recovery: playing at home. The contrast between their records home and away is stark.

While they have given every country except Australia at least a close fight at home in recent years, overseas they lose regularly and sometimes abjectly. It is a phenomenon that troubles and baffles Atterton.

Probably the only team worse at playing abroad is India, which could — conveniently — also play its part in England's renaissance this summer. In the past ten years they have had about as many opportunities as England to show off a card with the word "win" on it. And the reasons are much the same: the unfamiliarity of the playing conditions, the food and almost

nothing outside the cricket grounds — and not being good enough.

They have had problems adjusting in England this time, although the Old Trafford pitch was friendly enough that the likes of Rathore and Ganguly could get onto the front foot and enjoy themselves for the first time in the series.

Of course, there have been better times than this for eating food in England, although for religious reasons Indians have never been keen on eating beef. Locating favourite dishes presents constant difficulties and Ali Iram, the Indian team's physiotherapist, has turned his hand to cooking on this trip.

Mohammad Azharuddin, the India captain and the only Muslim in the team, is fastidious about eating only Halal meat and, as his contentment is a key element in the hopes of his side, it is important he finds the dishes he wants.

Judging by the way he

reacted to the bowling of Neil Smith yesterday, though, he has dined well.

Put England into dire trouble,

bowling penetratively with the new ball, but the support bowlers could not sustain the pressure and Graham Thorpe's assured 79 not out secured the victory with 15 balls to spare.

The game was shortened to 45 and then 42 overs per side by morning rain and India, obliged to bat first on a green-tinted pitch offering excessive sideways movement, were never out of second gear.

Tendulkar's run out, accurately executed by Esham from mid-on, was the first of three in the Indian innings. There were some splendid catches, too, and a solitary miss, by Thorpe off the deserving Gough, stood out in recent England fielding. It would have been an honourable performance.

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Sussex victory casts further doubt on class of 95

People are beginning to talk. It is not yet June and the season remains rooted in its damp infancy but the health of the two teams who contested the climax of an epic 1995 championship is already exciting comment. Middlesex have begun the new term dreadfully and Warwickshire, initially imperious, seem suddenly and bafflingly enfeebled.

On Saturday, the whispered doubts increased in volume as Middlesex collapsed spectacularly to defeat against a Sussex side hardly bursting with form and confidence, while Warwickshire found themselves heading towards the unthink-

able indignity of a second successive home defeat.

Middlesex have lost two of their first three games and their one victory, over the hapless Hants, followed a fragile batting show. Warwickshire began with an innings win over Sussex but they proceeded to lose to Hampshire in a compliant style to which they are unaccustomed, a style that remains on show in their present game against Leicestershire.

Of course, it is too soon to be contemplating the decline of the champions. Of course,

there is an element of wishful thinking in the doubts expressed by opponents keen to

bring them down after the corralling of six trophies in three years. Nevertheless, it must be said that they look suddenly vulnerable, a fact that will be exercising the minds responsible for their prolonged success.

They have bated poorly in three consecutive innings and will lose again if this is extended to a fourth today. Leicestershire already lead them by 125, with Phil Simmons unbeaten on 100 as one of four wickets standing, and they could have no greater incentive than the knowledge that victory will keep them at the head of the table.

If the middle-order batting,

previously so resilient, is one anxiety at Edgbaston, another is the seam bowling which won them so many games. Munton, still missing with a broken bone in his hand, is being much missed. So, too, is Donald, whose deputy, Pollock, is not yet taking a significant number of championship wickets. Warwickshire have forged their

reputation on the ability to produce runs and wickets from apparently unpromising sources but now, temporarily at least, they are looking round in vain.

Like Warwickshire, Middlesex have suffered severely from early-season injuries, largely to seam bowlers. Their greatest regression, however, is in the confidence of their

batting, exemplified by the struggling Hampshire, and exhibited as never before in the embarrassment at Horsham Saturday.

Rain, over the first three days, turned this into a somewhat artificial contest of two fortresses and an agreed target. There were those who considered that the agreement 320 in 72 overs was a triumph for Mike Gatting's negotiating powers. But it did not turn out remotely that way as Middlesex were blown away in a mere 242 overs.

There were three wickets each for Paul Jarvis, Ed Giddins and Danny Law, and the 14 from no-balls was the

third-highest contributor to the total of 85. It was Sussex's first win over a county this season and the relief at Hove will be as profound as the concern at Lord's.

Much the biggest innings of the day belonged to Trevor Ward, of Kent, whose 161 out of 299 was single-handedly responsible for keeping Yorkshire at Canterbury. These are justifiably expectant days for Yorkshire and there is much to like about their cricket. Here, it was Craig White who produced the best figures as they secured a lead of 51 but Silverwood, Wharf and Morris are giving youth a high profile in the attack.

Another team beginning to flourish is Gloucestershire, for whom Tim Hancock, 24, made his first century for two years against Surrey at Gloucester. Surrey, who have provided England with most of their top order, declined to 137 for six, at risk of following on, before Ward and Kersey led them to safety and an overnight declaration.

Only the mental contortions of the captains, and more benevolent weather than is forecast, can concoct results elsewhere today, which may leave ample scope for further dressing-room debate on what is going wrong for the top two of last year.

Two mainstays of England's new-ball attack face prospect of exclusion from squad for first Test

Fraser offers consistent argument for selection

By PAT GIBSON

ANGUS FRASER was at the end of his run, paving the ground and gesticulating towards his Middlesex captain. Mike Gatting was in the slips, all of 50 yards away, hands on hips and a quizzical look on his face. The exchange between them at Horsham last week could be heard beyond the boundary.

"Leg gully" an exasperated Fraser bellowed as he repeated his demand for a change in the field. "You can't have three men behind square on the leg side," Gatting barked back. "How long have you been playing this game?" Too long, seasons too long, it seemed as Fraser, muttering something about not having much experience in field-setting with a captain like his, stamped his foot like a shire horse impatient to get on with the ploughing and galloped in to bowl again.

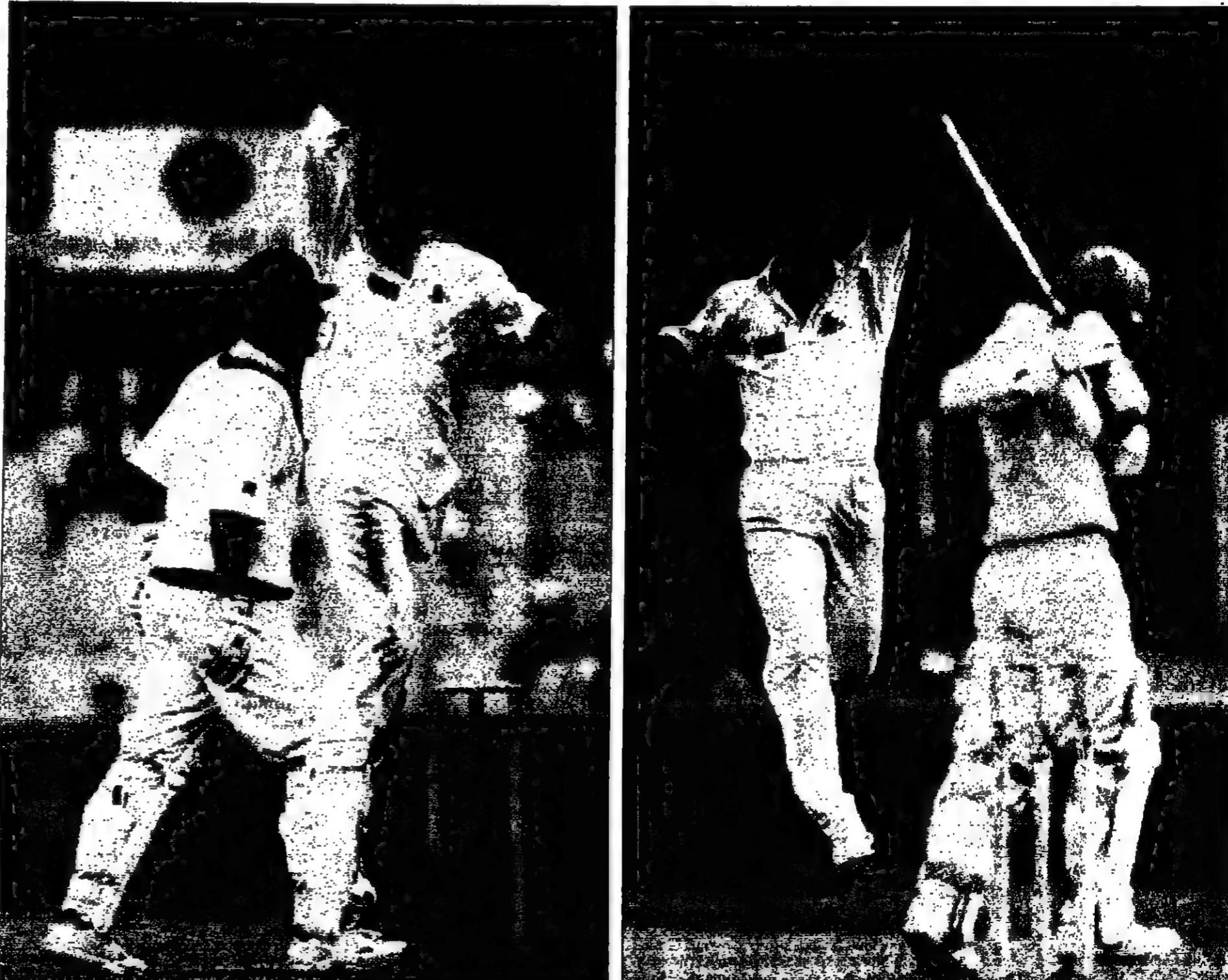
Appearances can be deceptive. No one looks more distressed than Fraser when he does not get his just reward, no one more shattered when he trudges back to fine leg at the end of an over let alone a spell. Even Raymond Illingworth, who is not easily fooled, has been misled by the body language, which is as good a reason as any why Fraser should put the record straight.

"Whatever the image people have of me," he said. "I do enjoy playing cricket. I suppose I could smile a bit more and have a few more laughs, but I don't because what I do is bloody hard work. I care about it so I do look disappointed when things are not going well."

"I'm sorry but that is me. I suppose my character is moulded to the kind of bowler I am. It is just not in my make-up to be a happy-go-lucky bowler who gambles on away swingers and yorkers and bouncers etc and then smiles when it does not come off."

The one thing I look for is consistency and that's what I think I have to offer. There's never a lot of difference between the way I bowl from one match to the next. Sometimes it happens for you, sometimes it does not."

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Fraser, left, and Malcolm celebrate taking wickets for England. Both now hope that their Test careers are not consigned to history. Photographs: Graham Morris

Malcolm replies with timely reminder of power

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

THE events of the past week might have given people the impression that Devon Malcolm is living at least playing under a cloud. Not a bit of it. He is smiling through this troubled period of his life, knowing that others are prepared to question the propriety of Raymond Illingworth's latest public criticism.

Mike Horton, the chairman of Derbyshire, formally responded on the club's behalf. "The book should not have been published during the season," he said. "If Raymond Illingworth were to write it after he retires that would be an entirely different matter, but that is not the case. It is appearing while he is still the chairman of selectors."

To me that is an abuse of his position and a decision taken on purely commercial grounds. To blame one man for the loss of a Test series, as he did with Devon, is grossly unfair," Derbyshire, said Horton, expect the Test and County Cricket Board's (TCCB) disciplinary committee to take "strong action".

Malcolm could not have picked a better time to provide his answer. On the day last week that Illingworth was telling readers that Malcolm lacked the "spunk" England expected from a fast bowler, the main story on the field was Malcolm bowling Derbyshire to victory with six for 52, the best figures of his county career, at Cardiff.

From all accounts he bowled fast

and straight, scaring more than one

Glamorgan batsman out, and hitting the gloves hard. Against Essex

he bowled well on the first day, when he removed Graham Gooch, who can supply a favourable report to his fellow selectors if they ask.

But will they? Illingworth has aired his opinions at an inappropriate time, as Horton and others have indicated, but they are not ill-considered. Malcolm bowled poorly in South Africa, even before the second afternoon of the final Test in Cape Town, when England began to throw away the chance of winning the match and the series. It must be remembered, however, that England made only 310 runs in their two innings, after winning a vital toss.

The selectors meet in Manchester on Saturday to discuss the team for the first Test against India, which begins at Edgbaston the following

Thursday, and there are problems with the bowling. Dominic Cork will certainly play, Peter Martin will probably play — and then who?

There is always the dependable Angus Fraser, as Michael Atherton will remind everybody, but Tim Munton is injured and Darren Gough on present form flies in the face of all reason.

David Lloyd has been saying that he is "not interested in what happened in the past", and by helping to bring back Chris Lewis, he has been as good as his word. Clearly, if Lewis is back in favour, there is hope for all who have strayed from the path of righteousness.

Memories are still fresh of the debacle at Edgbaston last year when West Indies bowled out England for 147 and 89 on an appalling pitch, as Malcolm is about to find out.

Warwickshire have switched the pitch this year, on the advice of Harry Brind, the TCCB's pitch consultant, and there is no way of knowing it will not misbehave until people start bowling on it.

There must be a chance that it will be green and, of all Test pitches in England, it is the most likely to be uneven. Marry that consideration to the lack of preparation the Indians have had since they arrived a month ago, and England will begin the Test fully expecting to win it, so long as their bowlers are primed.

Along with Alec Stewart and Robin Smith, Malcolm is generally considered expendable after England's disappointing winter. Bowlers, of course, are always more expendable than batsmen, as Malcolm is about to find out.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Sussex v Middlesex

HORSHAM (First day of tour): Sussex (10 pts) beat Middlesex (3) by 234 runs, nine behind Essex

SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey run out 77

M P Scott c Brown b Nash 24

A P Wells c Nash b Follett 92

N J Lantham c Follett b Ramprakash 46

D R Cook c Follett b Ramprakash 3

H K Morris c Brown b Ramprakash 36

J D Kelleher not out 15

D K Drayton not out 30

Total (7 wds dec, 81 runs) 319

P W Jarvis and E S H Giddins did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-178, 3-179, 4-225, 5-276, 6-287, 7-310, 8-317, 9-325, 10-326, 11-327, 12-328, 13-329, 14-330, 15-331, 16-332, 17-333, 18-334, 19-335, 20-336, 21-337, 22-338, 23-339, 24-340, 25-341, 26-342, 27-343, 28-344, 29-345, 30-346, 31-347, 32-348, 33-349, 34-350, 35-351, 36-352, 37-353, 38-354, 39-355, 40-356, 41-357, 42-358, 43-359, 44-360, 45-361, 46-362, 47-363, 48-364, 49-365, 50-366, 51-367, 52-368, 53-369, 54-370, 55-371, 56-372, 57-373, 58-374, 59-375, 60-376, 61-377, 62-378, 63-379, 64-380, 65-381, 66-382, 67-383, 68-384, 69-385, 70-386, 71-387, 72-388, 73-389, 74-390, 75-391, 76-392, 77-393, 78-394, 79-395, 80-396, 81-397, 82-398, 83-399, 84-400, 85-401, 86-402, 87-403, 88-404, 89-405, 90-406, 91-407, 92-408, 93-409, 94-410, 95-411, 96-412, 97-413, 98-414, 99-415, 100-416, 101-417, 102-418, 103-419, 104-420, 105-421, 106-422, 107-423, 108-424, 109-425, 110-426, 111-427, 112-428, 113-429, 114-430, 115-431, 116-432, 117-433, 118-434, 119-435, 120-436, 121-437, 122-438, 123-439, 124-440, 125-441, 126-442, 127-443, 128-444, 129-445, 130-446, 131-447, 132-448, 133-449, 134-450, 135-451, 136-452, 137-453, 138-454, 139-455, 140-456, 141-457, 142-458, 143-459, 144-460, 145-461, 146-462, 147-463, 148-464, 149-465, 150-466, 151-467, 152-468, 153-469, 154-470, 155-471, 156-472, 157-473, 158-474, 159-475, 160-476, 161-477, 162-478, 163-479, 164-480, 165-481, 166-482, 167-483, 168-484, 169-485, 170-486, 171-487, 172-488, 173-489, 174-490, 175-491, 176-492, 177-493, 178-494, 179-495, 180-496, 181-497, 182-498, 183-499, 184-500, 185-501, 186-502, 187-503, 188-504, 189-505, 190-506, 191-507, 192-508, 193-509, 194-510, 195-511, 196-512, 197-513, 198-514, 199-515, 200-516, 201-517, 202-518, 203-519, 204-520, 205-521, 206-522, 207-523, 208-524, 209-525, 210-526, 211-527, 212-528, 213-529, 214-530, 215-531, 216-532, 217-533, 218-534, 219-535, 220-536, 221-537, 222-538, 223-539, 224-540, 225-541, 226-542, 227-543, 228-544, 229-545, 230-546, 231-547, 232-548, 233-549, 234-550, 235-551, 236-552, 237-553, 238-554, 239-555, 240-556, 241-557, 242-558, 243-559, 244-560, 245-561, 246-562, 247-563, 248-564, 249-565, 250-566, 251-567, 252-568, 253-569, 254-570, 255-571, 256-572, 257-573, 258-574, 259-575, 260-576, 261-577, 262-578, 263-579, 264-580, 265-581, 266-582, 267-583, 268-584, 269-585, 270-586, 271-587, 272-588, 273-589, 274-590, 275-591, 276-592, 277-593, 278-594, 279-595, 280-596, 281-597, 282-598, 283-599, 284-600, 285-601, 286-602, 287-603, 288-604, 289-605, 290-606, 291-607, 292-608, 293-609, 294-610, 295-611, 296-612, 297-613, 298-614, 299-615, 300-616, 301-617, 302-618, 303-619, 304-620, 305-621, 306-622, 307-623, 308-624, 309-625, 310-626, 311-627, 312-628, 313-629, 314-630, 315-631, 316-632, 317-633, 318-634, 319-635, 320-636, 321-637, 322-638, 323-639, 324-640, 325-641, 326-642, 327-643, 328-644, 329-645, 330-646, 331-647, 332-648, 333-649, 334-650, 335-651, 336-652, 337-653, 338-654, 339-655, 340-656, 341-657, 342-658, 343-659, 344-660, 345-661, 346-662, 347-663, 348-664, 349-665, 350-6

Rowell freed from restrictions of manager's role

By DAVID HARDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JACK ROWELL, whose two-year term as England coach has yielded one grand slam and a five nations' championship, has been reappointed for a third year. Although his terms of reference have been changed, there will be no restriction on the players he can choose.

A national newspaper claimed yesterday that four members of the England old guard — Will Carling, who retired as captain after the game against Ireland in March; Rory Underwood; Jeremy Guscott and Dean Richards — would have their international careers terminated by Rowell. This may prove true

but not necessarily in the short term, and not because that quartet has been excluded from an England gathering at Bisham Abbey next month.

"There is absolutely no bar put on Rowell as to the personnel he selects for England," Derek Morgan, the chairman of the national playing committee of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), said. "That would only arise if disciplinary matters required players to be suspended. No one would be daft enough to instruct Jack about which players he should pick."

Morgan said that the 50 players invited to Bisham on June 12 would be told about the fitness training required of potential international

players. Those attending will be the players who have "caught the eye" of the selectors over the past season and who are expected to form part of the integrated series of national squads in years to come.

Rex Hazlestone, fitness adviser to England for the past few years, has retired, and the players will be introduced to his successor and to coaches from outside rugby union who will discuss different techniques. "Several players have their own personal fitness advisers, particularly the top players, and prefer to stick with them," Morgan said, with oblique reference to Carling, Underwood, Guscott and Richards.

It needs no crystal ball to see that the best days of so distinguished a

four-some may now be behind them. Carling is 30, Guscott will be 31 in July. Underwood and Richards are both 33 this summer. With thoughts turning to the 1999 World Cup, only Carling — who has expressed a curious interest in playing stand-off half — is a likely contender.

To suggest that their international careers are over, however, is highly contentious. Few coaches would willingly deprive themselves of so much experience with a single stroke, and members of the national playing committee stressed yesterday that the exclusion of senior players had not been discussed at their meeting last Tuesday.

Rowell's retention, confirmed at the emergency meeting of the RFU

committee on Friday, is as head coach with sole responsibility for the selection and preparation of the national side. He can shuffle away from the manager's role that he inherited from Geoff Cooke in 1994, and with which he has always been impatient, and leave that function to a seven-strong management panel.

The England team will not have a manager as such, save on visits overseas — or which may be far more if they cannot come to terms with the other home unions over the negotiation of television rights for the five nations' championship. The management panel will be drawn from the technical staff at Twickenham and members of the national playing committee,

while Rowell will be free to select assistant coaches for the senior team posts held at present by Les Cusworth and Mike Slemer.

The RFU, whose attentions have been diverted by the ongoing debate with the leading clubs, was able to confirm arrangements for next season, which includes internationals against Italy and Argentina before Christmas and the possibility of a brief visit by New Zealand in November. There is also a chance of an A team visit to South Africa in August. "The new arrangements are our response in part to the new professional era," Morgan said.

"They make our organisation more effective in terms of the national selection structure."



Rowell: reappointed

Dangerous liaison at Twickenham intoxicates rugby authorities with heady notions of unification

Marriage of codes could end in tears

Bath 44
Wigan 19

By DAVID HARDS

THERE seems no end to the goodwill that exists between rugby union and rugby league. It is almost as if a century of rivalry, and sometimes outright hostility, can be extinguished overnight.

No sooner had Bath and Wigan completed a shared lap of honour round Twickenham on Saturday than the respective administrators were talking of unification, of rugby league Challenge Cup finals coming to Twickenham, of the arrival of a rugby that is neither league nor union.

The truth of the matter is that the codes have their own characteristics, that some find appealing while others do not. It is frequently said that television, if nothing else, will drive the two together, but there is no intrinsic reason for that to happen.

Satellite television, so com-

bite, though they may also take into account the evidence of the Super 12 tournament in the southern hemisphere, which has shown that a 15-man game has plenty to offer and that the supposedly-discredited flankers can be hugely influential and skilful contributors.

There is some question as to whether Wembley will be available for the Challenge Cup final next year and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) may well open their house to the event as a business proposition — just as they might have done had the football authorities sought the use of Twickenham during the European championship — but it becomes faintly disastrous to hear such cavalier dispensation of years of history.

"We both think this series has been valuable," Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, said on behalf of himself and Tony Hall, the RFU secretary. "The spirit in which it has been played, the enjoyment of nearly 70,000 spectators [over the two matches], the commitment of the players and their obvious respect for each other, all suggest we should explore the possibility again."

I hope not. The walls are down, there is mutual recognition of each other's qualities but we have two distinct games now. "I think it will be very difficult for the two codes not, ultimately, to merge," Hall said; but if administrators are strong enough to resist such siren voices from television and elsewhere, they need not.

Joe Lydon, the Wigan assistant coach, and like West, pressed into service on Saturday, believes there is room for both codes: "Integration is possible but both codes can learn from each other. Our's is not a perfect game. We won't stand still, nor will Bath, but we want an entertaining game and in the present environment you have to keep the crowds happy. Summer and winter give young players the chance to learn both codes and increase their market price."

Whether the 42,000 at Twickenham were happy, only they will know. Bath did not play rugby union particularly well. They were carried away with the need to play a wide game on a field cluttered with red-and-white shirts desperately trying to remember unfamiliar laws and struggling for positional sense.

In a shapeless first half, Bath scored 25 points, the first ten of them from a penalty goal and a penalty try, and expended far more energy than they would normally have done. John Hall, their director of rugby, exulted in the fact that the ball was in



Sleightholme, the Bath wing, darts through a gap in the Wigan defence on his way to the try-line during the cross-code challenge match at Twickenham on Saturday

Onward into the valleys of uncertainty

Simon Barnes on a bar-room argument finally laid to rest and the future imperfect for rugby's codes, divided or united

Well, the result of the cross-code challenge between Bath and Wigan was an utterly predictable 1-1. So, perhaps we should throw in Wigan's wonderful victory in the Middlesex Sevens as a tie-breaker.

Or adjudicate on the total of points scored, which gives it to Wigan, who won over the two matches, 101-50. Or on tries scored: Wigan won 19-8. Or on halves won, which went to Wigan 2½-½ — Wigan drew the second half on Saturday 19-19.

So, Wigan shaded it and, as they said themselves afterwards, they should, having long been full-time professionals, while union players have scarcely begun to understand the concept.

So there it was, a chunk of history made and a long-standing bar-room argument finally laid to rest. I was glad to be there for the history, but not so much for the sport. In fact, at the end of it all, I felt, and I imagined the players from both codes must have felt, like the typist in *The Waste Land*, who, after accepting the advances of the young man carbuncular, allows one half-formed thought to pass: "Well, now that's done, and I'm glad it's over."

But not a bit of it. After the match, and with 100 years of

the most vicious and ludicrous argument in sport officially over, there was a serious danger of the two sides kissing each other to death. The talk was no longer of patching up differences, but of doing away with them altogether.

Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the Rugby Football League, talked about a full merger between the two codes, to happen within five years. Wild talk, yet five years ago these matches would have seemed impossibilities in our lifetimes.

Tony Hall, secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), was also fizzing with bonhomie, talking about a renaissance so powerful that the codes might find it difficult not to merge. Both talked about the cross-code challenge as potentially the first of many, next time with four clubs instead of two, perhaps.

So it was hugs all round at Twickenham but, behind the great love-in, the air was thick with worry. Both codes face a future heavy with uncertainties. In fact, rugby union people have been so busy trying to knife each other that

they seem to have seemed like sweet relief.

At one stage, narrowly availed last week, the English game seemed about to lose all its major clubs on the one hand — because they were too greedy — and the other four of the five nations — because England want more than their fair share of the money. The RFU has made it up, after a fashion, with the clubs, but the international row continues to rumble on.

Meanwhile, rugby league continues to move into an uncertain, experimental future. The sport has stalled all, or almost all, or, on the huge gamble of summer rugby and the Super League. The breathtaking audacity of it all has left everyone in the game in a state of troubled self-doubt, mostly concealed by wild bullishness.

Those inside the game express open fear about the poaching of rugby league players by rugby union: an hilarious turnaround if ever there was one. Scott Quinnell, the most fearsome forward on Saturday, is leaving Wigan and league to play for Richmond and

or rather their companies can afford champagne.

Perhaps this corner of sporting history will finally depend, not on the question of the better game, nor the richer tradition, nor even on the new love between the codes. The real question is, who has the richer supporters?

In Australia, rugby league fell into civil war over the Super League proposals that carved the game open. The only winners thus far have been maimed friends. Meanwhile, the television-led experiment of the Super 12s, the rugby union competition between the top states and provinces of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa has been a towering success.

In this country, rugby union's fight with itself has been about television money. Rugby league has turned itself upside-down and inside out to build the new summer Super League, and the international row continues to rumble on.

Certainly, the Super 12s and the Super League have brought some terrific sport. But the codes stare uncertainly into the future, with their two good games, or one good one if you prefer. Whether now? No one knows. The two games, or the one game, can only march on and find out.

Townsend takes charge of Scotland

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

GREGOR TOWNSEND will lead Scotland against Wanganui at Cooks Park tomorrow in the opening match of their New Zealand tour.

The match, to be played under floodlights, will provide the Northampton stand-off half with his first taste of leadership at the highest level.

Townsend, who captained Scotland Schools in 1990-91 and was vice-captain of Scotland under Rob Wainwright, during the five nations' championship this season, is paired at half back with Andy Nicol of Bath.

Although they have ap-

peared together in two A matches, Nicol is having to adjust his style to accommodate Townsend's new angle of alignment. "Gregor is standing some five metres flatter," Nicol said.

Five players — Stuart Lang, at full back, Graham Ellis (hooker), Barry Stewart (prop), Scott Murray (lock) and Nick Broughton (flanker) — will be making their tour debuts.

Jim Telfer, the team manager, who said that Craig Chalmers had not been considered for selection at stand-off because of a stomach complaint, confirmed that each member of the touring party

would play in one of the first two games.

That means Chalmers will be paired with Gary Armstrong, his former international half-back partner, for the next game, in Whangarei.

SCOTLAND XV: S Lang (Harrow); C John (Moseley); G Lang (Bath); G Ellis (London Wasps); B Stewart (Prop); S Murray (Edinburgh Academics); N Broughton (Moseley); E Peacock (London Wasps); J Telfer (London County); R Gibson (London Scottish); G Armstrong (Newcastle); B Rawlinson (Harrow); T Smith (Wharfedale); M McLean (London County).

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Auckland celebrate super success

By DAVID HARDS

THERE has not been a provincial tournament in the southern hemisphere to match the Super 12 competition that concluded at a rainy Eden Park in Auckland on Saturday. Despite misgivings among the rugby public over composite teams, it has grabbed the imagination in a way it's forerunners, the Super Six and Super Ten, did not.

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Natal Sharks in the final. It remains to be seen how much energy the players now have left for a demanding forthcoming international programme and their own domestic competitions, but it has been a successful opening to the professional era.

Auckland, it must be said, were fortunate to have played at the lineout and the threat posed by Henry Honiball, the stand-off half, they might have come closer, but the demanding schedule confined them to a limited game, whereas Auckland's fluent style created space for outstanding support players such as Michael Jones and his

young disciple, Andrew Blowers, who is due to play in New Zealand's trial game on Saturday in the hope of earning his first cap, scored two tries and even though Natal pulled back to 20-16 at the interval, Auckland came again.

SCORERS: Auckland Blues: Tries: Blowers (2); Lomu, Spencer, Clark, Hutchinson, Conner, Cuthbertson (3). Penalties: Jones, Cuthbertson (3). Sharks: Tries: Joubert, Small, Conner, Hutchinson, Penalties: Jones (3).

ALABAMA BLUES: Tries: Vida, E Clites, J. Nease, J. Lomu, C. Spencer, J. Tonks, C. David, S. Fitzpatrick, O. Brown, M. Brooks, J. Brooks.

NATAL SHARKS: A. Joubert, J. Small, J. Thompson, R. Muir, C. Van der Westhuizen, H. Honiball, K. Putt, O. le Roux, J. Allan, A. Garsen, W. van Herden, S. Atherton, M. Andrews, R. Brooks, G. Reichardt, A. McLean, J. Brooks.

Referee: W. Erickson (Australia).

Olympic champion treading similar time path to preparation for 1992 Games

Flaws in technique foil Gunnell on return to hurdling

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN JENA, GERMANY

BEFORE she realised that she had run to within a shoe length of the time she set in her corresponding race of 1992, Sally Gunnell was an angry Olympic champion.

"Do you want the swearwords first?" she asked as she prepared to talk about her first 400 metres hurdles race for 20 months.

Gunnell swearing? Never. At least, not in public.

Whatever it was that this most unpretentious of athletes said beneath her breath, she brought herself under control before delivering her assessment. "I do not think I could have made many more mistakes," she said. "I was having so much trouble over the hurdles."

Gunnell, one of only two British women to have won an Olympic track title, was more cheerful when she discovered that she had not, as she thought, failed to break 56 seconds. Still, as she admitted, "it is going to be touch and go all the way to Atlanta."

Although Gunnell had competed six times on the flat, indoors and out, this was her first race over hurdles since her World Cup victory in September 1994. After three brilliant summers, winning the 1992 Olympic title, the 1993 world championship with a world record, and the European and Commonwealth gold medals in 1994, injury intervened.

She watched helplessly from the BBC commentary box as her world title and world record passed to Kim Batten of the United States, in Gothenburg last year.

She had surgery to remove the bone spur on her right heel but it was not until December that she slipped into spikes again. January before she resumed full training and April before she suffered no post-training reaction in her foot.

"I have not had to miss a training session, morning or afternoon, since January," she said. So convinced is she now

that her troubles are behind her that her weekly fitness column in a Sunday newspaper offered a tutorial on "preventing injury".

"She is as fit as she has ever been at this time of year," Bruce Longden, her coach, said. It was her technique that let her down here in this antiquated stadium in eastern Germany, a former German Democratic Republic centre of sporting excellence but now an anachronism in a town where bright new shopping malls and hotels are whittling away the grey walls of old communism. The track has only six lanes and the spectator accommodation, with its small wooden stand, remains primitive.

What Gunnell lacks in flat 400 metres speed, she normally makes up for in technique, but here she lost her stride pattern even before the first hurdle. She had to adjust her step going into it and, though more fluent over the next five flights, on the last four hurdles she looked not like "Our Sally" but somebody else's.

The headwind down the home straight did not help, but she was frustrated to have

Desperately seeking an explanation of what went wrong, Gunnell and Longden agreed that it was probably the now unfamiliar feeling of having athletes either side of her, leading to a loss of concentration on her own lane. That and the same extreme nervousness that Jonathan Edwards, Britain's world champion triple jumper, experienced in his first competition of 1996 a week earlier.

One Olympic champion in no doubt that he will keep possession of his title is Jan Zelezny, of the Czech Republic, who gave the 3,000 spectators the first outdoor world record of the year in an Olympic event. Zelezny improved the javelin mark he set in 1993 from 95.66 metres to 98.48. He was given the number 100 to wear and he almost obliged with 100 metres.

After Uwe Hohn, a Ger-



Zelezny puts everything into the throw that improved his javelin world record by almost three metres

man, took the world record to 104.80 metres in 1984, the javelin specifications were altered through concern for spectator safety. Javelin design grew into one of the sport's controversial issues of the early 1990s and Zelezny

had one world record ruled illegal by the International Amateur Athletic Federation after it was discovered that the designer had used illegal carbon in the shaft.

Zelezny's fifth legal world record, assuming that it is

ratiified, will prompt discussion about whether specifications should be altered again to reduce distance. Each time that is done, it devalues world records because they retain little historical merit.

However, in Hohn's day,

the javelin would make a mark, then continue its journey. Now design is such that it sticks in the ground and the resting point for Zelezny's 98.48 throw was still comfortably short of the nearest spectator.

Christie enjoys his day with the also-rans

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

LINFORD CHRISTIE was confident of individual and team success for Great Britain at the athletics European Cup in Madrid next weekend after completing a weekend double at a chilly Bedford yesterday. A day after his 150 metres victory in the Welsh Games in Cardiff, Christie returned to the track at the inter-counties championships and won the 100 metres in 10.28sec.

"It's fun competing at events like these again," Christie said. "This is where athletics starts."

In Madrid, Christie will be bidding to extend a record run of six 100 metres European Cup wins, as well as going for a fourth success at 200 metres, and said: "I'm sure we can finish in the top two again. It's a question of everyone pulling together. One or two points gained in some of our weaker events are just as important as the victories."

The Britain men's team won the competition in Gateshead in 1989 and has finished second every time since.

Beyond the European Cup, Christie refuses to look no further than a meeting that he will compete in at Nuremberg on June 7. Talk about whether he will bring down the curtain on his career by defending the Olympic 100 metres title in Atlanta remains taboo.

"I know what I'm doing up to Nuremberg," Christie said. "After that, God knows."

Jon Ridgeon will be returning to the Britain team for the first time in four years in Madrid and celebrated his selection with a hard-earned victory in the 400 metres hurdles in Cardiff. He withstood a strong challenge off the final barrier from Peter Crampton and held on to win in 49.87sec, the fastest time of his third comeback after four Achilles operations.

"I was amazed at the time," Ridgeon said. "It was hard going in the wind. I was climbing the hurdles."

Tessa Sanderson broke through the Olympic javelin qualifying mark again with a throw of 60.60 metres.

Germany expose British frailties

Great Britain 1
Germany 2

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

GREAT Britain were outmanoeuvred by Germany, the Olympic champions, in the international hockey match at Milton Keynes yesterday despite producing an improved display in the second half.

Having put behind them the resignation last week of David Whitaker, the coach, the British team set to the task of reconstruction. Their performance was competent and, at times, resilient, but uninspired.

The attack continued to show a lack of quality, although Garcia had one of his better games at inside right. In defence, too, Britain had cause for concern. Halls was not quite fit and was used only sparingly, leaving Wyatt and Soma Singh with extra burdens to carry.

Germany, too, had their problems. At least six of their first-choice players, including Klaus Michler, the captain, were left behind because of other commitments.

Volker Fried, a member of the 1992 gold medal-winning team in Barcelona was called on to help in defence. Yet, despite their restrictions, the players showed a thorough understanding of one another.

Britain conceded a soft goal from a short corner in the fifteenth minute. Hesitation in

defence between Luckes, the goalkeeper, and Soma Singh enabled Emmerling to score off the rebound. The home team had no luck, however, with their only short corner in the first half, although Germany seemed fortunate to have escaped punishment for a foot infringement in deflecting the shot by Giles at the top of the circle.

Britain launched into the second half with a reshuffled front line, with Mayes switched from outside left to the right wing and Hall taking over at centre forward from Robert Thompson. The best chance of the period fell to Nick Thompson, whose shot was saved by the goalkeeper. A shot by Giles from a short corner was stopped on the line by Blunk.

Though Germany lost some of their sting, they managed to increase the lead in the 64th minute. Waldhauser, a substitute, dashed in to score from a pass on the left by Gerke.

Four minutes from the end, Britain at least salvaged something when Shaw drove the ball in from a short corner.

GREAT BRITAIN: D Luckes (East Grinstead), P Giles (Preston), P McGuire (Taddington), Kabir Talib (Connex), S Heale (Hounslow) and Amy, D Hall (Gateshead), R Garcia (Preston Club Barca), A Thompson (Nottingham), R N Thompson (Old Loughorians), C Murray (Cardiff). Substitutes used: J Hall (Old Loughorians), J Lee (Old Loughorians), J Shaw (Nottingham), S Somerville (Cardiff).

GERMANY: C Reitz, C Blunk (opp), C Stenger, V Fried, M Green, C Meyerhofer, C Burke, B Emmerling, B Michel, O Domke, C Schmitz, C Waldhauser, F Gerke, K Hollensteiner, M Walchusse, F Gemmrich. Umpires: G Perez and M Grush (both France).

Grounds for hope

JANE Swinnerton-Irons, the England women's hockey team manager, drew encouragement from what she considered to be an improved performance in the 2-0 defeat by Argentina at Lillehall on Saturday — England's second defeat at the hands of the World Cup silver medal-winners in two days.

England had lost only 1-0 at Lillehall on Friday, but Swinnerton-Irons said after the match on Saturday: "It was a great improvement on the first game. We knew we had to get stuck in and work hard against such a talented squad. We created some chances and

Headship for Oriel marked by salute to supporters

THREE days of incessant rain gave way to sunshine, helping to bring a carnival atmosphere to the final day of the Oxford University summer eights on Saturday, which ended with headships for Oriel and Osler-Green.

The two top crews had contrasting outings however. With Pembroke and St Edmund Hall bumped out by Magdalen and New College, Oriel had the river to themselves and, following their tradition, they raised oars and eased alongside their boathouse.

In the women's top division, an unsuccessful attempt by New College to stop St Catherine's winning blades drove them to within two lengths of Osler-Green as the crews passed the university boathouse, but the leaders were never seriously threatened.

Overall Wolfson emerged as the outstanding college. Although lacking the resources of many of the more established colleges, their five crews — three men's and two women's — registered 13 bumps and not one boat was bumped down.

It was a pity that blaring music from the Worcester boathouse drowned the race commentary in the two top divisions. Worcester will plead that because there was so much noise they could not hear requests for the volume to be turned down.

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PENRHYN HALL	X				
BRASENORCH		X			
BALLON		X			
CHRIST CHURCH		X			
ST JONATHAN'S		X			
UNIVERSITY		X			
JESUS		X			
WADHAM		X			
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ST PETER'S		X			
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HERTFORD		X			
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ST ANTHONY'S		X			
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Thompson offers answer to impossible question

Trying to judge who is greatest in the history of British sport is a nice idea, but, in reality, futile. We can no more evaluate Fred Perry alongside Barry John, Steve Redgrave or Sebastian Coe than decide which is the finest view in Britain, comparing Loch Lomond with Land's End or Regency Bath.

Channel 4 has nevertheless made the attempt, even if the programmes have lacked contributors who were informed and experienced. The "vote" in the final programme tonight will be between Daley Thompson, Ian Botham and George Best, with Thompson the probable winner — but more on the immense merits and limitations of these three in a moment.

First, however, some will consider it odd that Channel 4's shortlist of 20 did not include Jack Hobbs, Gordon

Richards and Stanley Matthews, all of them knighted, and that the only woman was Mary Rand, rather than, say, Mary Peters or Lucinda Green. And was not Stirling Moss a more famous name than Jackie Stewart?

It is arguable whether Lester Piggott was more of a champion than Richards, though unquestionable that he avoided more taxation. Matthews may not have won the World Cup, as did Bobby Moore, a much-loved modern hero, but in the age before television, Matthews won a million hearts and was a worldwide trademark of the game. There were old ladies crying when his statue was unveiled in Hanley.

In making its assessment, the television panel has used five yardsticks: achievement, dominance, style, fortitude and impact. Those who have performed within the era of

television have been much assisted by the last of these and, of the five qualities, only the first is absolute. A judgment that is impossible anyway is implying arbitrary, subjective considerations that enter the arena of gymnastics judging and figure skating, or the dancing of Torvill and Dean, who are among Channel 4's shortlisted 20. Superlative entertainers though they were, T and D would not have had the same impact, or *image*, without the small screen.

Included in the 20 was Jimmy Wilde, a superlative flyweight boxer by the standard of any time. The producer presumably wished to have a contender from a popular British sport, yet if early-century legends are eligible, their surely consideration had to be given to C. B. Fry?

If Botham and Thompson were breathtaking all-rounders



Tonight Channel 4 declares *The Greatest!* David Miller, chief sports correspondent of *The Times*, looks at the difficulties of comparing the merits of Britain's outstanding champions

ers in their respective sports, Fry's range was astonishingly wide, embracing cricket, football, athletics and rugby.

He scored 30,866 first-class runs, including 94 centuries, averaging over 50; took 165 wickets (at an average of 29.3) and 240 catches. He played in 26 Tests (averaging 32 with the bat) and would have captained England more than

six times had he toured. He still shares the record of six consecutive centuries, in his greatest season, 1901, when he averaged 78. He captained Sussex for four years.

Fry also played football for England, and for Southampton in the FA Cup Final of 1902, and was thought likely to have played rugby for England but for injury. In

1893, he set the world long jump record of 7.17 metres. That he represented India at the League of Nations, declined the throne of Albania and ran a naval training ship, the *Mercury*, for many years are no more than footnotes.

Increasingly, television is being pushed by the ratings war to turn sport into show business and this Channel 4 has done with guest judges like Rory Bremner. The dumbest decision, reflected on the screen, was to have Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, as a resident panelist: a preferable woman pundit would have been Rachael Flint, Virginia Long, Anne Jones, Christine Truman or Fatima Whitbread: women who have done something.

If there is to be a Channel 4 "champion", then Thompson would be an acceptable choice. He personified all five quality-categories, even if his sport has a relatively narrow, exclusive field. The most detached viewer could sense his greatness. He brought joy to countless followers, though I would have said to fewer than Ovett and Coe, whose clash in the 1,500 metres final in Moscow in 1980 was watched by 23 million in Britain alone.

Botham and Best were mesmeric, but each was sometimes less than the ultimate team player. Botham, for all his glory, was a singularly inadequate captain — yet now aspires to lead an England revival. Best's career was the definitive anti-climax.

Twenty-five years later, Best still fails to understand the anguish of the waiter who brought drinks to the hotel room where the footballer dallied with yet another Miss World and an armful of gambling loot. "Where did it

all go wrong?" he asks. Where indeed?

Channel 4's shortlist (in alphabetical order) was George Best, Ian Botham, Bobby Charlton, Lintor Christie, Sebastian Coe, Denis Compton, Kenny Dalglish, Nick Faldo, Len Hutton, Barry John, Bobby Moore, Steve Ovett, Fred Perry, Lester Piggott, Mary Rand, Steve Redgrave, Jackie Stewart, Daley Thompson, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean and Jimmy Wilde.

My top 20 would be Best, Botham, John Charles, Charlton, Compton, Coe, Dalglish, Faldo, C. B. Fry, Jack Hobbs, Hutton, John, Stanley Matthews, Stirling Moss, Ovett, Perry, Mary Peters, Redgrave, Gordon Richards and Thompson.

□ The final show in the 12-part series, *The Greatest*, will be screened tonight at 8.30 on Channel 4.

PAUL TONGE

Major's Rutlish successors bow out of Surrey Cup

By TOM CHESSHYRE

WHEN John Major was 13 he won an *Evening Standard* cricket award after taking seven wickets for nine runs — including a hat-trick — for Rutlish School, in the London borough of Merton. The Prime Minister-to-be was at Rutlish from 1935 to 59 and when he left aged 16 — with just two O levels — he even toyed with the idea of taking up the sport professionally.

More than 30 years on, cricket — despite its demise in many city comprehensives — is still going strong at Rutlish. "We've got some very good players and the kids love the game," David Daley, head of physical education, said as he prepared the under-15 team's kit before a Surrey Cup match against Howard of Effingham School last Thursday. "Almost every break-time, I see kids playing, usually with a couple of bags as the wicket and a tennis ball."

Rutlish is fortunate to have excellent cricketing facilities on two grounds and the school recently received £1,000 from a nearby teacher training college to buy new equipment. There is a well-established structure of Saturday games against local schools as well as inter-house matches.

The school, however, plays down connections with Major, who is still a keen cricket follower, as his regular appearances at England matches testify. There are no plaques or photographs; the only outward sign of the fact

is that the Prime Minister once attended it is a cheeky bit of graffiti on the inside wall of the scoreboard hut which reads: "John Major woz 'ere."

Daley said: "All the kids know he went here, but since the initial excitement when he was prime minister, nobody really makes a big deal about it anymore."

As the match between Rutlish and Howard of Effingham got under way in



bitterly cold conditions, the Prime Minister was far from the schoolboys' minds. A steady drizzle had almost caused the game to be abandoned. Had it been, the teams would have determined who went into the next round by each player bowling a ball at a single stump — a kind of penalty shoot-out.

Rutlish were missing several of their best players — who were away training to be boys for this year's Wimbledion championships — but batted well, scoring 111 for four

in their 20 overs. Raqib Sindhu, the captain, was the top scorer with a fluent 59 not out, although he was dropped three times. Aziz Hussein was also in good form, scoring an unbeaten 24 with the aid of fielding errors. Howard of Effingham evidently need catching practice.

In between innings, all the talk was of England's game that day against India in the first Texaco Trophy one-day international. The general excited opinion was that England's first innings total of 291 would be enough to win the match. Once play began again, however, it soon became clear that Rutlish's 111 was not going to be enough for them to win.

Jayesh Patel, the Rutlish vice-captain, bowled some fine balls in a spell of 4-2-11-1, not quite up to Major's prize-winning standards, but still very good. Howard of Effingham saw him off however and moved onto the attack.

Daniel Reeves, who scored 30, and Alex Terry, with 34, were quick to the pitch of the ball and played some confident shots. In the end, the visiting team passed Rutlish's score in the nineteenth over for the loss of four wickets.

Afterwards, before rushing off to watch the highlights of the England game on television, the players sat down to orange squash and biscuits; a cricketing tradition of which Major would be sure to approve.

Sindhu, who also took three wickets to go along with his unbeaten half-century, was disappointed. "At least we put up a good fight," he said. "I don't really think about John Major that much, but I suppose he would be proud that we gave our best."

Abingdon initially being closest to them, but by 750 metres, Hampton were the only crew overlapping. James Cazenove, Eton's stroke, pushed the rate to 37, at 1250



Crews battle to establish an early advantage at the start of the boys junior eights, which was won by Westminster, at Holme Pierrepont

Eton hold off strong Hampton challenge

By MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

ETON celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the National Schools Regatta by winning the championship eights for the twelfth time on Saturday. Hampton, their strongest challengers since the event was introduced in 1971, pushed them all the way at Holme Pierrepont.

Eton led from the start, Abingdon initially being closest to them, but by 750 metres, Hampton were the only crew overlapping. James Cazenove, Eton's stroke, pushed the rate to 37, at 1250

metres and had just a length, but Hampton responded at 39s and edged back. At the line, however, they were half a length down.

Bruce Grainger, the Eton coach, said: "I thought they were going to come through at 1600 metres but my chaps held it together. It was a great challenge."

Behind the top two, St Paul's, conquerors of Eton in the schools' head, and Abingdon were having their own private battle for bronze. St Paul's prevailed and Tim Morland, their coach, said: "We needed to be rating a couple of pips higher to be in

there with the top two."

Eton's second eight humbled other school first eights by winning the Child Beale cup for the third year running. Bedford, the favourites, held pole position for the first

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1500 metres before the smoother Eton crew swept through in the last minute to win with clear water.

Chris Hugill, a veteran of three junior world championships in spite of being only 18, received an early taste of

international competition in the championship sculls. The final six scullers included two of Hugill's 1995 British quad scull crewmates, Tim Kingswell and Mark Hunter, but many eyes were on Peter Ujhelyi, a Hungarian under-taking a three-month course at Bedford Modern.

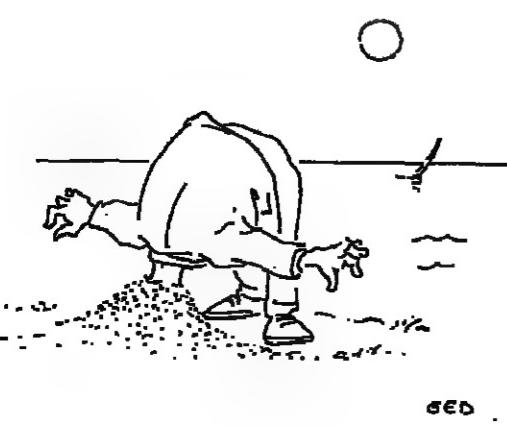
Ujhelyi, already selected as the Hungarian sculler for the 1996 junior world, led from the start and was one length up on Hugill at halfway. Hugill, nearly three stones heavier, pushed and, at 1500 metres, went into the lead, although the scullers were still overlapping at the line.

Hugill's success won him a new sculling boat.

The new beat the old in the women's championship, Lucy Heise, the junior Great Britain hopeful, just pipping Vicki Fagan, 1995 Great Britain coxless four medal-winner.

The third eights event for the West Cup aroused special interest. Four schools competed for it in 1947, Radley beating St Edward's in the final. Fifty years on St Edward's, rowing in a boat borrowed from Radley, reversed the verdict and Chris Kaye, Radley crew captain in 1947, passed over the cup.

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Wales baffled by mysteries of Orient

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WALES found their preparations for next Sunday's opening World Cup qualifying game in San Marino disrupted in unexpected fashion yesterday. Despite starting with the side most likely to begin their campaign to qualify for the 1998 finals, Wales lost 2-1 to Leyton Orient of the Endsleigh Insurance League third division.

The fixture had been arranged to allow Bobby Gould, the manager, to find the right system and personnel to ensure a winning start against San Marino. But an Orient side comprised mainly of trialists proved far more impressive and were worth their victory provided by an 85th minute header from Peter Garland, on trial after being released by Charlton.

Lee Shearer, the defender, provided early encouragement for a crowd of 5,000 at Brisbane Road when he gave Orient a first half lead. However, Wales, who used all 20 players in their squad, eventually equalised when John Robinson, of Charlton, swept in an 80th minute cross from Marcus Browning.

However, their relief was short-lived. Five minutes later Paul Williams crossed from the right and Danny Coyne, the Tranmere goalkeeper, watched the ball drift across goal to Joe Baker who headed on for Garland to force home.

Lennon making the right choices

By EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT

MIKE LENNON, the national champion in the Melges 24 fleet, demonstrated his mastery of the notoriously fickle winds on Loch Fyne this weekend to lead the Rover Series at Tarbert with two wins and a fourth in the first three races.

The Rover Series — Britain's second biggest regatta after Cowes — attracted a slightly lower turnout than last year, but 260 yachts in 13 classes made the trek to the Firth of Clyde, most taking part in overnight feeder races from Bangor and Gourock.

The Melges fleet, with their

own class at Tarbert for the first time and with 16 boats on the start line, put on another exciting display of one-design racing, though many of the skippers found the constant variation in strength and direction of the generally light winds exhilarating.

Lennon, a sailmaker from Southend, was happy with another strong showing at the head of the fleet which saw him picking the best route up the course consistently better than anyone else. "It is all about pressure (wind) hunting out there," he said. "It is difficult, very shifty and with lots of boats to watch out for — it's a tricky business."

Saturday's long opening

race in a light north easterly coming off the hills, set the scene with wind shifts in the order of 30 degrees and with five different boats leading at various times. The competition was so tight that after four hours sailing, the first 12 boats crossed the line within two minutes of each other.

In the second race yesterday morning, the problems were less the shifts as much as big variations in wind strength up and down the course with a light breeze from the south. The London-based American Art Breerton on *Wicked Feet* managed to get ahead early on and held the lead until just before the finish, when he seemed to lose his way and let

JOHN GICHIGI/ALLSPORT



Glenfiddich 3, one of the 16 entries in the Melges 24 class, cuts through the water

two following boats cross the line in front of him. Roger Peacock on *Cools Cat*, the talented young newcomer to the Melges fleet, snatched first place with Kim Slater, the former top Fireball helm on *Pigs Eye*, second.

The third race saw huge variations in wind strength across the course with about a third of the fleet being left virtually at a standstill after choosing the right-hand side at the start. By the halfway stage Lennon, on *Rawhyle*, had taken the lead and was able to hold on with David Clark on *Snickers Workwear* second and Breerton again third.

Lennon leads the six-race series from Peacock, who had two thirds and a first, with Breerton in third place with two thirds and a fifth.

The feeder races saw 45 boats set off from Bangor outside Belfast on Thursday night and 180 from Gourock. Many crews had a frustrating and cold night in generally light winds but enjoyed thrilling reaching conditions as they roared up the eastern side of the Isle of Arran to the finish. Line honours in the Gourock race went to John Nesbit from Falmouth in his half-tonner *JIN*. In the Bangor race the Farr 40 *Brava*, skippered by Paul Thallon, took line honours.

At the Spinnaker Regatta in Holyhead, Andy Beardsworth, Britain's Olympic Soling representative, took third place behind Jochen Schumann of Germany and Magnus Holmberg of Sweden.

Hooked — right from the first cast

Caroline Brannigan goes to Devon's Lifton Valley in search of the wily brown trout — and discovers the bond that unites all fly fishermen

The third time a 6lb trout cruised past the imitation fly bobbing on the surface of the glistening lake proved too much for the new fisherman. Stomping his rubber waders in frustration, he turned to the instructor for advice. "How about a nuclear bomb?" was the reply.

It seemed like a good idea on a fruitless afternoon which had reached the point where even an old boot would have been stuffed and mounted in a glass case. One thing they can't teach on a weekend beginners' trout-fishing course is patience and we showed the unyielding water what we thought by giving it a sound thrashing, rather like Basil Fawlty beating his broken-down Mini with a branch.

Tea of us, seven men and three women of various ages, had met that morning at the Arundell Arms Hotel in the Lifton Valley, Devon, where five rivers, including the Tamar, are home to wild brown trout, sea-trout and salmon.

First there was a talk by Anne Voss Bark, the owner of the hotel and wife of Conrad Voss Bark, the former angling correspondent of *The Times*. Her passion for the sport was infectious, despite a blood-curdling demonstration on how to get hooks out of hands.

The mistake most people make is in thinking that fishing is just about landing fish on the bank. It's also an escape back into childhood, a boys' own adventure, beginning with a chance to dress up.

The waistcoats with which we were provided contained plenty of toys in the many pockets, including fishing lines, sticky stuff to make things float, mucky stuff to make things sink, a pair of scissors and several boxes of files.

This isn't your average blue-bottle, but delicately-tied imitations of some of our most beautiful insects which hatch in rivers and emerge for a brief dance of courtship before mating and dying, sometimes within a single day.

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These are food for the trout and the fisherman must watch to see what is hatching and select an imitation fly on a hook to match. Fly-fishermen do not throw maggots on to ponds then snooze under vast umbrellas as they wait for their float to bob as a fish takes. They creep through rivers casting out a line, hoping for a bite.

Armed with the hotel's fishing rods, we went down to the three-acre lake where instructors Roy Buckingham and David Pilkington can teach pupils to cast without too much fear of snaring a local villager.

Casting a line so that it lands softly and straight on the water is vital for putting the fish into the thinking fly at the end is a real one. A line which splashes and whips scares off the wily trout.

Roy and David, with a list of qualifications almost as long as their fishing rods, sent their lines out long and straight while we dropped ours like plates of spaghetti. Yet we got better, spurred on by fear that if we didn't, Roy would stroll up and tell one of his appalling jokes.

Two of the women, including me, were not absolute beginners but had been sponsored by our fishing husbands and now wanted to be more independent. It was a revelation to me to find that a slight change in technique improved my casting dramatically. Was



Tales from the river bank — the mistake, says Caroline Brannigan, is to think that fishing is just about landing fish on the bank. It's also an escape back into childhood

this something the men had been keeping from us deliberately?

After lunch at the hotel, we suffered the embarrassment of watching a video of the morning's efforts, followed by a lesson in tying fishing knots which resembled a Women's Institute knitting meeting.

Back at the lake our previously harmless rods were armed for action with flies — a dangerous moment. David Pilkington recalled one pupil who developed disastrous figure-of-eight casting techniques which impaled the hook in the back of his waistcoat. Not noticing this, the man kept on waving the line wildly, slowly wrapping himself up until he could no longer move his arms. It had taken some time to free him.

Surely we couldn't be that bad. The sun shone, primroses dotted the grass with yellow, swallows dipped and dived into the lake and buzzards circled slowly overhead. As we forgot about the pressures of the outside world, it began to rain.

Michael, a retired sales director, fishing

which had come better late than never. Andrew, a 38-year-old tax consultant, had at last decided to join in with his father's life-long hobby.

At least fish was on the menu in the hotel restaurant, with its three AA rosettes. It was also the main topic of conversation among those of us staying there with lots of strange gesticulating which bemused the non-fishers at other tables and put them in danger of receiving a black eye.

For Michael, a revelation which had come better late than never. Andrew, a 38-year-old tax consultant, had at last decided to join in with his father's life-long hobby.

After a Sunday morning lecture on insect life from Mrs Voss Bark, came the best dressing up bit, which is the thigh-length rubber waders. Roy Buckingham's jokes became, if possible, even worse.

Then it was down to the River Lyd for the real thing. "Bet I catch a bigger tree than you do," said Andrew. In fact, he managed to catch himself, impaling the fly in his waistcoat.

The tree cast speckled shadows over the shallow water making its way from Dartmoor to the sea and wild daffodils nodded on the bank.

Our instructors showed us where the fish were likely to lie and how to avoid catching our lines in the bushes.

As we spread out along the river, several small trout obligingly gave themselves up to us, which we returned as too

embarrassing to place on the hotel's hall planter. The sun shone over an idyllic picnic lunch and then the heavens opened in classic, steady Devon style. We must have been keen as we all returned to the hunt despite the rain.

The weekend finished with the discovery that the instructors were not, after all, immortal. Solomon, David's black labrador, had sat its five stones on his fishing rod while it was propped against a tree and snapped it. A good excuse to treat himself to a new one, he said.

Everyone on the course said they would definitely fish again and went off damp but happy. We had all got on very well with each other and enjoyed the common bond which unites all fly fishermen.

I drove home contentedly, it occurred to me that there had been no annoying prat in the group. After all, there's usually one. Then I had a nasty thought, maybe it was me.



Selecting a fly — the choice is vitally important

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT
In the Weekend section I recently gave a hand in which the declarer went wrong in not foreseeing that he would be squeezed on the run of dummy's long suit. The same thing happened to me in Demetri Marchessini's invitation tournament in March.

Dealer North North-South game Aggregate scoring

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+107853	
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V6	
+KJ 109552	
+99	
6QJS	
VAS7	
9AQ7	
+AKJS	

W	N	E	S
Davies	Simpson	Townsend	Sheehan
Pace	Pace	2♦ (f)	Date
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

Contract: 3NT by South. Lead: King of diamonds

(1) Showing a hand in the 3-10 range with at least nine cards in the majors.

Danny Davies, who along with Tom Townsend was in the British team that won the World Junior Championship last year, made the intelligent lead of the king of diamonds. When you have a suit like that, and think the best chance is to set it up immediately, leading the king gains if any of the other three hands has the singleton queen.

With some woolly idea of cutting the communication if the suit was 7-2, I ducked the opening lead. West continued diamonds, and now after aceking of clubs, I realised my error — on the fifth round of clubs I would have no good discard, as I would either have to unguard the spades or let a small heart go.

By Philip Howard

CARIBBEAN WORDS
BAZODI
a. A googly
b. Stunned
c. A pink yam
OBSCU
a. Badly dressed
b. Drunk
c. A schoolboy

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KEENE on CHESS

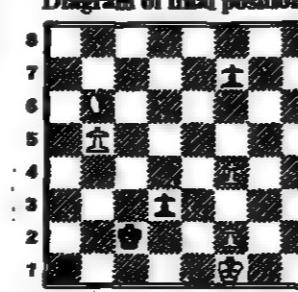
By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Anand leads

After three rounds of the top tournament at Seville in Spain the Indian grandmaster Viswanathan Anand has moved into the sole lead with 2½ points out of three. Six rounds remain to be played. World champion Garry Kasparov has also scored his first win, overwhelming Alexei Shirov, formerly Latvia and now Spain.

White: Miguel Illescas
Black: Viswanathan Anand
Seville, May 1996

Diagram of final position



Third round results

Kasparov beat Shirov, Illescas lost to Anand; Ivanchuk drew with Kramnik; Kramnik drew with Gelfand; Polgar lost to Topalov.

Fourth round results

In round four the Indian Grandmaster Anand, who last year challenged for the world championship, retained his lead, defeating the Ukrainian Grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk in 46 moves.

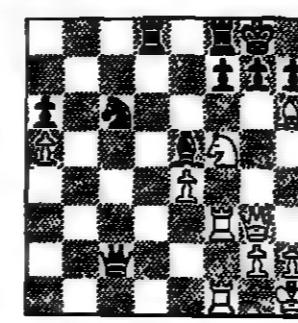
Other round four results: Shirov drew with Topalov; Kramnik drew with Ivanchuk; Polgar beat Gelfand.

Leading scorer Anand 3½, Gelfand 3, Kasparov and Topalov 2½ each.

□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

This week and in weeks to come I will be concentrating on chess news by Anatoly Karpov, the defending FIDE champion and his challenger Gata Kamsky. Their match for the FIDE World Championship is due to start on June 6. White to play. This position is a variation from the game Karpov — Polugayevsky, Moscow 1974. White has a very promising kingside initiative. Can you see how he now broke through in drastic fashion?



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Court of Appeal

New landlord must heed notice

Kay-Green and Others v Twinesectra Ltd

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John May

Judgment May 15

Where a landlord disposed of his reversionary interest in premises without complying with his duty to give qualifying tenants the right of first refusal, the new landlord was required to give effect to a valid purchase notice served by the tenants pursuant to section 12 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987.

The question of whether there had been a relevant disposal of premises to which the 1987 Act applied had to be considered on a building by building basis. The fact that a building was within one or more registered titles was irrelevant.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mr John Kay-Green and 11 other tenants of Tudor Court and Tudor House, Hanworth, against the decision of Judge Hull, QC, at Staines County Court on August 23, 1994 of their application for a declaration that Twinesectra Ltd, the landlords, were in default in not complying with a notice served pursuant to section 12 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 and therefore the tenants were entitled to require the landlords to transfer the reversionary interest in the property to them.

The freeholds of the properties where the tenants lived were registered at the Land Registry together with an adjoining property, Parr Court, under two titles. The properties were all sold at auction as one lot.

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LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that the 1987 Act, as stated in the title, was passed, inter alia, "to confer on tenants of flats rights with respect to the acquisition by them of their landlord's reversion". To give effect to that, it was necessary that a landlord should, when served with a purchase notice, comply with it and to decide to the contrary would be failing to comply with the intention of the legislature.

In any case, his Lordship believed that the words of section 12 were such as to require a landlord to give effect to the notice. Section 12(1) enabled qualifying tenants to serve a purchase notice on the new landlord, "requiring him ... to dispose of the estate or interest that was the subject-matter of the original disposal"; and subsection (4) referred to "where the property which the new landlord is required to dispose of in pursuance of the purchase notice..."

Thus the section assumed that the purchase notice operated so as to require disposal and provided a duty as to the way the property had to be disposed. Further, to accept the landlords' submission would mean that sections 12 to 17 had no purpose as a landlord could refuse to comply with a purchase notice which had been served. That was untrue.

His Lordship had not found it necessary, when concluding that there was a duty upon a landlord to give effect to a purchase notice, to rely upon the heading of section 12 which made it clear that a duty existed. Even so, his Lordship believed it clear that the section was concerned with the right of

terms on which it was made to a person or persons nominated by them for that purpose.

The first question for decision was: did a landlord, upon whom a valid purchase notice had been served, have to give effect to it?

The landlords submitted that the word "premises" in section 1 meant, in the present case, the complex as a whole, meaning Tudor Court, Tudor House and the adjoining property, Parr Court. If so, the tenants did not have the requisite majority defined in section 5(1).

They submitted that the Act did not contain any requirement that a landlord who was served with a section 12 purchase notice comply with it. All that the section did was to provide for service of a notice in a particular form.

They also submitted that "premises" to which Part I applied had to be comprised within one registered title. There were two estates in land capable of subsisting or of being conveyed, namely an estate in fee simple absolute or a term of years absolute and, by virtue of section 69 of the Land Registration Act 1925 each separate registered title was a separate estate in land.

Therefore the "premises" could not comprise more than one estate.

Their argument was that a landlord who was served with a purchase notice had to give effect to it. Although there was no section of the Act which so stated, there should be remedied by Parliament and not by the court.

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Section 11 17 came into effect when the original landlord had, in breach of his obligations, disposed of his reversion to a new landlord. Section 12 gave the requisite majority of qualifying tenants the right to serve a purchase notice on the new landlord requiring him to dispose of the estate or interest that was the subject of the original disposal on

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Would a Labour government raise taxes on business? No one is saying no, and that usually means yes. Kenneth Inglis, head of Fleming Investment Management, fears that business is vulnerable because Labour would be under pressure to eschew extra personal taxes. At a conference organised by Alexander Clay, the pension consultant, last week, he noted that corporation tax takes less than 6 per cent of national income here, against 7 per cent in America, 9 per cent in Germany and nearly 15 per cent in France. Labour might be tempted to raise the UK tax by a third to net £12 billion more to spend.

Weak politicians usually opt for hidden taxes to fool people into thinking they are not spending too much. But if Labour merely sought to redistribute business taxes to ease distortions and give better incentives, higher rates of corporation tax might not be such a bad idea.

Few tax reforms of recent years have been healthier than Lord Lawson's corporation tax shake-up, which traded tax breaks for a much lower rate, boosted revenue, cut abuse and lessened distortions. But the worst distortion remains. We continue to tax business costs more than business profits, via rates and employers' national insurance contributions — the jobs tax.

The uniform business rate closes thousands of live-in small shops and other tiny businesses every year. The jobs tax exerts its malign influence all the way up to the top,

Once you are lean and fit, it's time to start running



where its effects damage the economy most. They are at the centre of a depressing syndrome.

The tax burden is high because big business is shedding too many jobs. After years of recovery, unemployment remains high and badly skewed. More armes of older men have involuntarily left the workforce. Big business sheds more full-time jobs than commercial pressures justify: jobs tax makes them more expensive, and corporation tax subsidises redundancy and replaces labour by other factors.

Accounting conventions still flatten cost-saving redundancy unduly. The low rate of corporation tax, lazy managers and risk-averse City investors divert expansion into takeovers of businesses with their own workforces. So labour productivity gains are not matched by expansion to absorb the extra capacity they have created. The economy can only grow slowly without overheating. So taxes stay high.

Much has been made in the past fortnight of the apparent overnight conversion of Morgan Stanley's Stephen Roach, the economist billed as the apostle of the restructuring and downsizing of American big business. Mr Roach has caught the mood of America, where AT&T's announcement of 40,000 job losses in January focused white-collar anger over macro management and Wall Street greed and featured heavily in Republican primaries.

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the rapid creation of new jobs that the restructuring of American industry permitted? But restructuring is not the same as the constant need to curb costs and boost efficiency.

Mr Roach has not gone soft-headed. Nor has he undergone a blinding conversion. More than three years ago, as America's downsizing craze neared its zenith, he expressed the same argument in almost identical terms. "Productivity gains cannot be sustained just by adhering to the slash-and-burn strategies of intensified cost-cutting," he insisted. "Such an outcome would lead to the hollowing of corporate America at precisely the time when rebuilding is essential."

At that time, however, he was optimistic. The restructuring of industry to make it competitive and profitable laid the foundation to transform and reinvigorate it. But that must be followed through with bold investment in expansion and new technology together with the "long-overdue upgrading of the quality of human capital" — another cry familiar in Britain.

The tone is different now because Mr Roach has lost patience and is losing hope. Companies can have no

future unless they survive recession and competition. But a permanent survival culture sacrifices the future. Investment remains historically low and investment intentions are poor. There are lots of new jobs, many good ones, but as unemployment falls, Mr Roach fears, workers will rebel against a decade of static real pay and industry has not lined up productivity gains from expansion to pay more without inflation.

Britain is so obsessed with America's example that downsizing is forced officially on the utility sector, the biggest in the land. Too much of domestic big business is paying out surplus funds rather than expanding from its leaner, fitter base. Politicians of left and right say we will not be able to afford existing public services even if unemployment shrinks to America's rate.

Our money authorities reckon Britain's economy can sustain only 2 per cent growth without overheating, against the 2½ per cent the Federal Reserve is prepared to finance in America and the 3 per cent that Mr Roach reckons US industry should be able to deliver.

Business taxes can at least give better economic incentives. Why not shift some of the burden from tax on labour to tax on profit, at no cost to investors? Why not tax takeovers instead of subsidising downsizing, buybacks and special dividends? All taxes distort. To restore our finances to health, they need to nudge big business to use its lean muscle and raise the sustainable rate of growth.

Ian Brodie meets members of Workaholics Anonymous

When the job is too much



Burnout, an obsession with work for which treatment is similar to that for alcoholism

You know the type. His car is already in the car park when you arrive for work and is still there when you leave. In addition to staying late, he takes work home. He eats lunch at his desk. He is frequently snappish and has no time to chat. He pays scant attention to any life beyond his job. Is he a dedicated, ideal employee? Or is he unwell?

There is a growing belief among psychiatrists and other behavioural specialists in the United States that people who cannot control their obsession with work are, in fact, in need of help before overwork makes them physically ill.

Self-help groups have sprung up. They are fashioned on the same 12-step principles for tackling an addiction as Alcoholics Anonymous. There are 80 chapters of Workaholics Anonymous in America and a half a dozen in other parts of the world, including London.

Participants learn that long hours do not make for greater productivity. Indeed, quality and output suffer. They are also taught to distinguish between the occasional push to finish a rush job and an unrelied state of trying to be constantly productive without a break.

"You really don't know the harm you're doing to your body," said Stephen Hersh, a professor of psychiatry and founder of a behavioural

medicine clinic in Washington. "Your muscles are constricted, your whole physiology is in a high state of alert, and, over time, without a break, that makes people ill. It's like driving with the choke out all the time. You burn out the engine."

The human body can tolerate immense amounts of stress for a while, but not for ever.

After eight to ten years, said Dr Hersh, workaholics begin loading the dice in the direction of genetic illnesses and of suppressing their immune systems, significantly increasing their chances of severe arthritis, chronic fatigue and cancer. The first signs could be lower back pain or migraines.

Art C., a law professor in San Diego, realised his job could be killing him when it dawned on him that professional success had brought him no sense of serenity and comfort. His wife had joined Alcoholics Anonymous, and, in helping her, he perceived that if he substituted work for alcohol, he had the same problem with addiction as she did.

Six years ago he formed a chapter of Workaholics Anonymous and has helped to start others. Anonymity is important in their case because workaholics typically boast about overwork and need to cloak their grandiosity.

Art C. said workaholism relates at its most obvious level to type A personalities, maybe with high blood pressure and

the potential for strokes. At a deeper psychological level, it makes a person rigid, defensive and unwilling to open up for close associations, even with spouses and children. At the deepest level, it numbs the soul by using work for the constant avoidance of asking who one really is inside.

The structure of modern society does not help. American wage-earners log the equivalent of an extra month of time at work each year compared with 20 years ago, according to a Harvard study.

Research among two-career families has found that working mothers routinely juggle as many as seven things at once, from meeting a deadline to lining up a baby-sitter. There is a tendency to cram schedules that are already too crowded with more overtime, health-club workouts that are joylessly rushed, school meetings and driving of children to after-school activities.

John S. has been in Workaholics Anonymous for 15

months, but considers himself far from healed. He has launched a small business offering yoga and meditation after a pell-mell, scattershot career as a reporter, lawyer, legislative aide and magazine publisher. He still worries about being married to his job. "I've allowed work to dominate my life and lost the capacity for intimate relationships. I struggle every day with the compulsion to do more things than I can accomplish."

Another American, Thomas, 42, grew up like many workaholics in a family that discouraged introspection and pointed instead to hard work as the path to love and respect. He set out determined to make something of himself, but, with no time for a family and with work as a distraction, he never stopped to ask himself who he was. He suffered excruciating back pain and was always exhausted. A year ago, he was working flat out for two non-profit groups when they both laid him off. Since then, he has lived off his savings and discovered leisure.

Julia works in PR and has attended the London chapter of Workaholics Anonymous for three years. She recalled the specific crisis of overwork that drove her to seek help. One day she worked from nine in the morning until midnight, went home for three hours sleep, started work again at five in the morning at home, returned to the office at eight and continued until six that evening.

She said: "It's not just how long you work, but how much worrying you do. You lay awake at night, always thinking about the next day's work."

Now she has her job down to manageable hours and the quality of her work has improved. She is less grouchy and no longer ignores what her husband has to say. If work invades her thoughts at night, she gets up and reads a book and then goes back to bed to start afresh. Or she concentrates on the flowers in her garden. She still has difficulty doing nothing. "If I have space to fill, I tend to invite people over for dinner three nights a week, or I do voluntary work."

She reckons American doctors are well ahead of their British counterparts in recognising that workaholism can be as fatal as drugs or drink. "We British still keep a stiff upper lip rather than admit we have a problem," she said.

Workaholics Anonymous can be contacted through the London number for Alcoholics Anonymous, 0171-352 3001.

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BAZODI (b) Stunned, bewildered, confused, dizzy. Light in the head, turned stupid. A corruption and survival of the past participle of the Old French *absoudre* to debase, sun down to dumbfound, bewilder. "This dazzling beauty has plans to make the adjudication bazod with her radiance."

OBSOCKY (a) Misshapen, ill-fitting, very odd-looking; clumsily put together (of furniture, colours, clothes). (Of persons) ungainly and badly dressed (especially of women), fat and wearing conspicuously ill-chosen colours or clothing. (Of situations) ridiculous, hopelessly organised. A corruption of the Yoruba *monkey + to break wind + to greet: monkey-fart*.

KELLICK (a) Small anchor. By extension a heavy stone used as an anchor. This is an example of an old English nautical word surviving in the Caribbean though it has faded away in the UK. A *killick* or *killock* used to mean a heavy stone used on small vessels as a substitute for an anchor, in Nelson's navy and before.

QUEH-QUEH (c) In Guyana, a traditional set of celebrations by rural Black African families preceding a wedding. It involves the ritual "buying" of the bride and of the groom, processions from their homes, invitations to ancestral spirits by ritual, and to the living by ceremonial songs, much erotic singing and dancing in which women play a central role, and drumming and feasting, all of which reach a climax on the night before the wedding. Of African origin, perhaps linked with words meaning a footstep, laughter or copulation.

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Southern Electric prepares rival bid for Southern Water

By Eric Reguly

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC is preparing to foil ScottishPower's plans for becoming Britain's first fully integrated utility by launching a rival bid for Southern Water.

Southern Water confirmed yesterday that it has been approached by at least two potential purchasers and said that "it has an open mind about both offers". It is understood that the bidding started at £1.3 billion. ScottishPower disclosed that it was

one of the candidates and it later emerged that Southern Electric was the other.

Southern Water's reaction suggests that it is not guarding its independence and hopes to get the highest price possible by triggering a takeover battle between Southern and ScottishPower.

ScottishPower recently approached the board of Southern Water, led by William Courtney, the chairman, and Martin Webster, the managing director, with a proposal to buy the company for about

£1.3 billion, compared with Southern Water's current market value of about £1 billion. Takeover speculation has lifted the water company's shares in recent months; they closed on Friday at 681p, up 6p, against their year low of 593p.

A water company purchase would fulfil ScottishPower's goal of becoming Britain's first fully integrated utilities concern. The company generates and supplies electricity and last autumn expanded its electricity interests through the £1.1

billion purchase of Manweb, the regional electricity company in the North of England. It also has gas supply and telecommunications subsidiaries.

ScottishPower would prefer a friendly takeover, but would have no qualms about going hostile. Its pursuit of Manweb was one of last year's nastier takeover battles, establishing Ian Robinson, ScottishPower's chief executive, as one of the toughest and most aggressive managers in the utilities industry. South-

ern Electric is a natural partner for Southern Water. Their franchises overlap in the South of England and could cut overhead costs by combining head offices and other operations, such as information technology and billing systems.

Southern Electric, however, may run into political problems because merging some operations with Southern Water would inevitably reduce overall employment in the two companies. Furthermore, it might be seen as a move designed to

keep ScottishPower from introducing additional electricity and gas competition into the regional market.

ScottishPower is motivated by the prospect of adding customers through geographic expansion. It has a market capitalisation of about £3.2 billion, and appears to have enough financial muscle to take on Southern Water. Its gearing at the end of its last financial year was 52 per cent, in spite of the Manweb purchase, and its profits were £405 million.

COLIN SHERIDAN

UK economic record beats rest of Europe

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government will proclaim the UK's superiority over other European states in key aspects of economic performance in a White Paper on industrial competitiveness next month.

But the White Paper will acknowledge that the gap in performance between Britain and other competitor countries is not narrowing significantly, and that there are, in particular, big gaps over education and training.

A report on international competitiveness, to be published this week by the World Economic Forum, is expected to show an improvement in the UK's ranking against its principal competitor countries.

In the third annual White Paper on industrial and economic competitiveness, set to be published on June 13, the Government will contrast aspects of Britain's economic performance sharply with that of some other European countries. In particular, ministers will proclaim success in Britain in reducing unemployment and creating jobs, compared with France, Germany

and Spain. The White Paper will emphasise the importance to Britain's economic performance of a more deregulated labour market, and of the Government's policies aimed at promoting greater labour market flexibility, as well as avoiding policies widespread across Europe such as the minimum wage, which Labour is promising to introduce in the UK if it wins the next election.

It will also proclaim Britain's success in other areas, including attracting key inward investment from countries outside Europe. The White Paper is expected to point out that the UK pulls in two fifths of all inward investment coming into the EU.

However, the White Paper will be unable to alter the Government's principal conclusion on Britain's competitiveness — that while the UK has a small number of world-class companies, it has a long tail of industrial underperformers that hold Britain back.

Though the document will emphasise the improvements made in the UK, Whitehall officials acknowledge that a

substantial gap — previous estimates have put it at about 25 per cent — exists between UK and other countries' competitiveness performance.

The central findings of the White Paper will focus on education and training. The competitiveness unit has carried out what it calls a "skills audit", looking in detail at how Britain's performance in training and education compares with other countries, and again finds significant underperformance in the UK, especially compared with the US, Germany and Japan.

Ministers are nervous about the results of the skills audit, which they fear will be used by Labour to attack the Government's record in a key electoral area — and one in which the Government, as the principal actor, will find it difficult to shrug off the blame.

The White Paper will also include commitments on greater pay flexibility and the operation, from the autumn, of a national benchmarking service, which will allow companies to measure themselves against the best performers.

Dairy Crest due to float

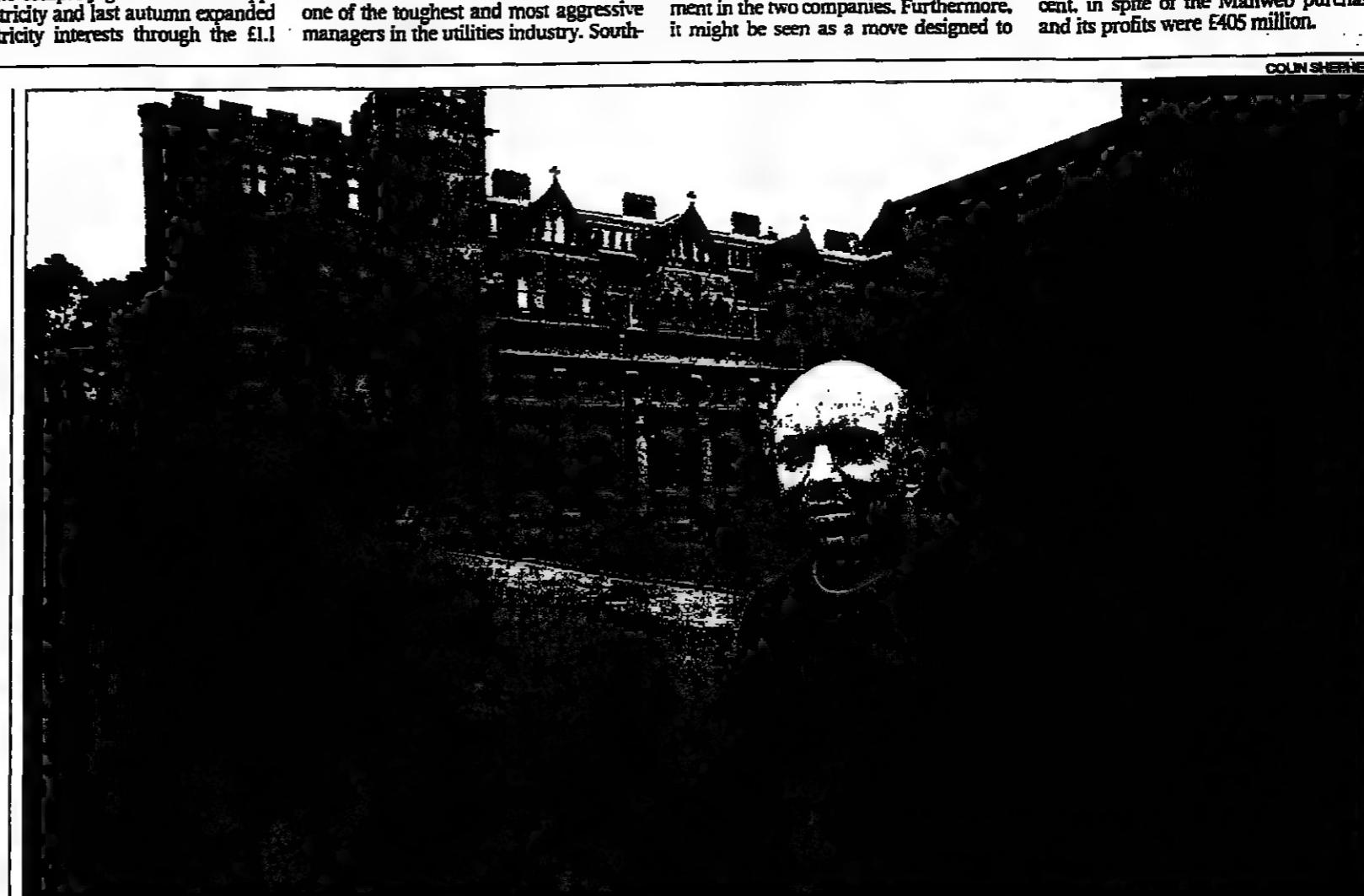
Flootation of Dairy Crest is expected to get the go-ahead this week. The UK's third-largest milk processor is expected to make an announcement with year-end figures on Wednesday. A stock market valuation of about £250 million is likely.

Southam bid

Hollinger, ultimate owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, said yesterday that it intends to make an offer for those shares of Southam, Canada's largest newspaper publisher, that it does not already own. Hollinger paid about C\$300 million (£142 million) on Friday to lift its stake in Southam from 20 to 41 per cent.

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Father Charles wants Parliament's help in securing compensation after The Downton Abbey Trustees lost £60,000 in the Barings Bank crash

Ashcroft has stake in buyer of ADT unit

By JASON NISSE

MICHAEL ASHCROFT, chairman of ADT, the Bermuda-registered security group, has emerged as a 15 per cent shareholder in the company that bought British Car Auctions, ADT's subsidiary, last year.

The sale, which followed a six-month auction, was billed as being for \$340 million. But documents filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission show that ADT has from the disposal so far.

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Abbot's battle of Barings

By ROBERT MILLER

FATHER CHARLES, the Abbot of Downton, Britain's oldest Roman Catholic public school, wrote to the chairman of the influential Commons Treasury Committee over the weekend to ask for his help in securing a compensation payment for money lost in the £580 million Barings Bank

crash, have already received a written submission from the Barings Bondholders Action Group, whose members lost more than £100 million.

ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group that bought Barings, has consistently maintained that it has no legal obligation to make any compensation payment to bond and preference shareholders. Nevertheless, certain senior executives within Barings are understood to be sympathetic to the plight of investors, and have been searching for a possible mechanism to address what has become a source of persistent embarrassment.

The Downton Abbey Trustees, a registered charity that supports a number of projects in 11 parishes around the country, lost £60,000 through holding Barings preference shares when the merchant bank failed last year. Father Charles told *The Times*: "I feel it is quite scandalous that

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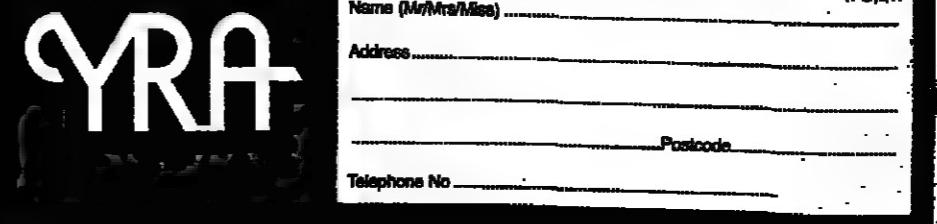
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Tea time in the City

By OLIVER AUGUST

WHITTARD, Britain's leading tea retailer, will announce its flotation on the Alternative Investment Market tomorrow. Market capitalisation is expected to be £20 million. The chain is hoping to extend its network from 79 shops in Britain to 150, over the next five years, with the expansion mainly overseas.

The flotation, expected by the end of June, will give the company the necessary working capital and help to keep it free of debt. David Gyle-Thompson, Whittard's chairman, said: "We want to focus internationally. The flotation will allow us to take advantage of our present good position and it will be a very good platform for further growth." Whittard has

been importing and selling teas since 1886 and has built up a solid reputation for quality. Giles Hilton, the product director, is said to be able to smell the time of day the tea leaves were picked, and whether it was raining or not.

The company sells 42 brands of tea, as well as assorted coffees, and is firmly committed to the retail side of the tea market, which was worth £630 million last year. Will Hobhouse, the managing director, said the company did not want to turn its stores into cafes.

Whittard's turnover last year was £15.6 million, an increase of 158 per cent on the previous year. Pre-tax profits were £1.3 million, up 81 per cent.

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Made to work; up-to-date, excited (<i>slang</i>) (6)	2 Sudden fancy (4)
3 Point of view (7)	3 Job security (6)
10 Greenish tweed mixture (5)	4 Be master (4,4)
11 Teatime food; smear thickly (4)	5 Evil spirit (5)
12 Capital of Brazil (8)	6 Vital practical details (4,3,5)
14 A wonder (6)	7 One not fighting in war (3-9)
15 Drank (<i>animal</i>); passed a second time (6)	8 Have petty quarrel (6)
18 Decorative material sewn on another (8)	13 Disparage (8)
20 Game played in chukkas (4)	14 Irrational terror (6)
22 Fully mature (5)	16 (Muslim, Hindu) female ascetic (6)
23 Writer as Pepys, Evelyn (7)	19 Lead weight; precisely (5)
24 Meal of fixed menu, price (5,5)	21 Quick; secure (4)
SOLUTION TO NO 79	
1 Across: 1 Longbow, 5 Taps, 9 Water, 10 Routine, 11 Right-hand man, 12 Diket, 13 Heyday, 16 Christmas Eve, 19 Doglike, 20 Nylon, 21 Duty, 22 Deepset	2 Down: 2 Sudden fancy (4)
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3 Across: 1 Test tube, 5 Smirker, 10 Festival, 15 Please do not shoot the pianist, 17 Force nine, 18 Rare earth, 19 Nowhere, 20 Hamburg, 21 Stretch, 22 Anaesthesia, 24 Icons, 25 Forget it, 28 Artist, 29 Weapon, 32 Easel, 34 Malreated, 37 New Yorker, 40 Edelweiss, 41 Episodal, 42 Arousal, 44 Greener, 45 Barn dance, 46 Steadfast, 47 Delicacy, 48 Monkey suit, 49 Ariel, 51 Renown, 52 Finish, 54 Tashkent, 56 Acro, 60 Right-winger, 62 Wronged, 65 Amazing, 66 Ocumru, 67 Regularar, 68 Bratfaria, 69 Keep a civil tongue in one's head, 70 As it were, 71 Resonate, 72 Heart beat	4 Be master (4,4)
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Diamonds are forever, and so is the indefatigable Shirley Bassey who plays a Festival Hall season
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Life with the nomads of northwest India is captured in Robyn Davidson's *Desert Places*
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TUESDAY TO FRIDAY IN SECTION 2

Marcus Binney on a £200m plan to bring Battersea Power Station to new and entertaining life

The white elephant trumpets

Over the years no great London — or indeed British — landmark has looked so irretrievably doomed as Battersea Power Station. Now, though, a consortium powerful enough to set to rest the doubts of the most sceptical is close to signing a deal that will breathe up to £200 million into the empty colossus.

The three new partners of the power station's owners, Parkview, are Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, BAA (formerly the British Airports Authority) and a California retail group, McArthur/Glen.

Parkview is a major Hong Kong property developer with a large stake in the colony's booming ferry trade, while BAA's interest springs from its expansion into retail, sparked by the burgeoning shopping facilities at airports. Retail now forms BAA's largest source of revenue.

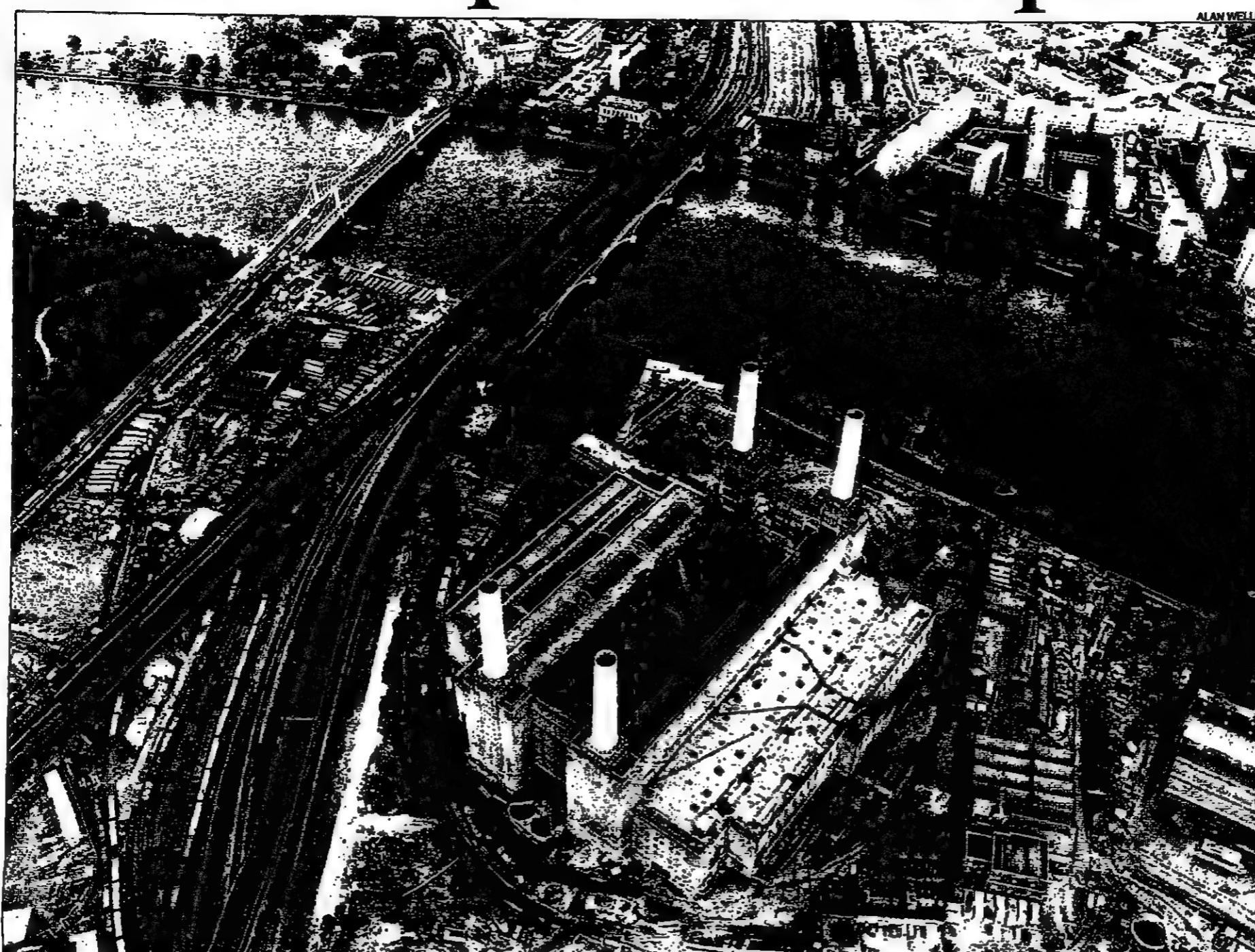
McArthur/Glen specialises in what it calls "designer outlet villages" where American shoppers now spend more than \$9 billion a year. In Europe, its major centre at Ellesmere Port, in Cheshire, has been followed by another precinct in the cathedral town of Troyes, east of Paris. Last month it announced plans for a £35 million designer village for Swindon, to be housed in the Grade II* listed Great Western Railway works.

Lloyd Webber's participation follows on from his proposal, now lapsed, for a 2,000-seater auditorium and art gallery next to the Festival Hall on the South Bank. Intriguingly, an auditorium of this size has been spotted on some of the schemes put before planners for the power station in recent months.

The driving force is Victor Hwang of Parkview, while the architects Arup Associates have been brought in as master planners. Parkview's initial plans included a huge tower to be built beside the power station, and intended to become the Canary Wharf of south London. But talk of a building 50 storeys high provoked an icy reception at English Heritage, and the plans for the tower have been dropped, at least for the time being.

The land consists not only of the 13-acre power station site, but a further 18 acres to the south already cleared and ready for development. Despite the tendency of the Environment Secretary, John Gummer, to hold an inquiry into every proposed development along the Thames, Parkview has scope to continue work under a permission granted to the previous owner, John Broome, for leisure and entertainment use.

Before Battersea Leisure went into liquidation, with debts of £70 million, Broome planned a Disney-style indoor theme park. The over-



"Battersea Power Station looks half-demolished, but the huge central block was just a tangle of pipes and boilers that had to be scooped out if the station was to find another use"

arching them for the power station is now for a media city, with film and television studios. There is talk of 32 cinemas springing up in the shell, a Trocadero several times over.

Sports uses might include an indoor rollerblading rink in one of the turbine halls. Rollerblading, or inline skating, is the fastest-growing sport in the world and, like ice-skating, is a good spectator sport, with opportunities for racing and virtuous artistic displays.

The power station was built in

two phases, with construction interrupted by the Second World War. For more than a decade it sported just two of its present four chimneys. Initially, the design was entrusted to a Manchester architect, James Theo Halliday, but because of controversy over its prominence on the Thames, the great Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, author of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and the famous red telephone box, was called in to add the finishing touches.

He turned the corner chimneys into columns with classical fluting

and, after a last-minute government panic about pollution, raised their height to 337ft by adding distinctive double capitals. Scott's great contribution was to bring to life the cliff of brickwork beneath the chimneys with a series of setbacks akin to those on the Empire State Building.

The power station looks half-demolished from the passing train, but in reality the huge central block was just the boiler house, a tangle of pipes and boilers that had to be scooped out if the station was ever to find another use.

The important interiors are the two 475ft-long turbine halls which flank the main block and retain their roofs. The 1930s turbine hall is lined with giant Art Deco pillars, like two versions of the Hoover Factory facing each other across a dual carriageway.

The control room could be an Art Deco revelation. All the jazz age fittings survive — ribbon Napoleon marble, black skirtings and wave-pattern illuminated ceilings. Recently, the power station has been in steady demand by film-makers, and

the TV drama serial *The Bill* is often filmed there. It is inspected regularly by engineers from English Heritage, who report it to be in stable condition.

Parkview has also negotiated the lease of the railway track closest to the power station, so it can build a new station and run continuous shuttle trains to both Clapham Junction and Victoria. Come 1999, London's biggest millennium project could just be the one that does not involve any lottery money at all.

THE venues that the Cocteau Twins chose for their two shows in the capital could not have been more different: first, the Royal Albert Hall, followed, just three weeks later, by the less formal show at the Ministry of Sound in southeast London. Although the Cocteau Twins probably felt more at home in a packed dance club than in the grand space of the Albert Hall, the setting did not seem to make much difference to most of their audience, who stood and watched in hushed reverence.

The sound revolved around the core trio of singer Liz Fraser, guitarist Robin Guthrie and bassist Simon Raymond, and was supplemented by a floating pool of other musicians, but the object

The Cocteau Twins Ministry of Sound

of the audience's devotion was undoubtedly Fraser. A small figure in the centre of the stage, she did her best to distance herself from the attention by keeping her eyes closed for most of the set. Once or twice, though, she kept them open for an entire song.

She sang in a soaring, swooping voice against the big waves of the Cocteau's music, the sweeping *Half-Lights*, from their latest album *Milk and Kisses*, standing out early on. Although some of the new songs, particularly the single *Tishbite*, have a real pop sensibility, and Fraser's lyrics are less vague than they were three or four albums ago, she still seems to be striving to express something that is essentially inexpressible.

It is difficult to imagine how the Cocteau's more po-faced fans would react to a sudden injection of humour, but they are unlikely ever to have to, since Fraser limited her interaction to warm smiles, whispered thanks and mimed signals to other members of the band.

However, her very presence, plus the added bonus of various highlights from the band's 14-year back catalogue, such as *Wax and Wane*, kept the faithful happy and even got some of them moving.

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DEGAS AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY DAY FOUR

Richard Cork discusses highlights of the exhibition



"A hint of tiredness, or dejection": *Combing the hair*. c.1896-1900. National Gallery

As an earlier beach scene in the National Gallery's collection testifies, Degas had long been fascinated by the combing of hair. But by the time he painted this canvas, all the diverting minutiae of modern life had dropped away.

We have entered a bedroom, and the woman seated on the mattress seems oblivious of anything except the stern action of the comb. We cannot see her companion's face, and Degas reduces the latter's figure to an astonishingly bare expanse of pale paint. But the strength she exerts through the comb is unmistakable. Its teeth tug their way through the auburn tresses, causing the other woman to steady herself by clutching the pillow.

It is an everyday scene, unalleviated by any diverting ornaments or furnishings in

the room. No pictures hang on the bare walls, where Degas indulges in a sensuous blend of pink and gold. The colours enhance the woman's flaring orange hair, so bright that it casts a radiant reflection on her upturned forearm.

Such richness suggests that Degas was thinking of Venetian paintings of ladies at their toilet. But, compared with Titian's opulence, *Combing the hair* seems almost stark. The chalkiness of the woman's nightdress gives the picture a hint of anemia, suggesting tiredness and even dejection.

Degas: Beyond Impressionism is at the National Gallery until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call, 071-420 0000). On Wednesday, Richard Cork discusses *After the bath* (c. 1890-93).

Britten the best buy

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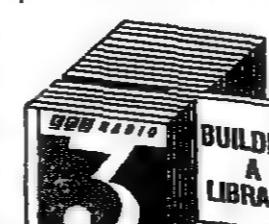
BRITTEN'S PETER GRIMES

by Michael Kennedy

Britten's first large-scale opera, *Peter Grimes*, had its first performance at Sadler's Wells, London, when the theatre reopened after the war on June 7, 1945. It was an historic night for British music because the opera was at once recognised as a masterpiece, not only by the public and critics in Britain, but throughout the world. Fifty-one years later it is firmly established in the international repertoire.

It was rare in the days before the advent of LPs for a complete opera to be recorded, but substantial extracts from *Peter Grimes* were recorded by HMV in 1948 with the cast of the first Covent Garden production. This included Peter Pears and Joan Cross, creators of the roles of Grimes and the village schoolmistress who befriends him, Ellen Orford. Both are heard to advantage in these extracts now available on CD (EMI CMS 7 64727-2), but perhaps their most valuable feature is that they enable us to experience the impassioned first conductor of the work, Reginald Gondall, unsurpassed even by the composer himself for poetic insights into the score.

There are four complete recordings, all except one with the Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra. Britten conducts the 1958 Decca set, produced by John Culshaw, with a more mature Pears as an authoritative Grimes and the American soprano Claire Watson a perhaps surprising but effective choice as Ellen.



other of his rivals, he suggests the latent violence in the character, but he takes liberties with the text and tempos are often slow. But Heather Harper's Ellen is the best on disc.

Bernard Haitink conducts EMI's 1992 recording in which Anthony Rolfe Johnson sings the title-role with extraordinary beauty of tone and rare musicianship, but the roughness of Grimes eludes him. Felicity Lott is a serene and touching Ellen and the excellent baritone Simon Keenlyside is good as Ned Keene. Under Haitink the *Sea Interludes* and the choral singing are especially fine, with vivid recording quality.

The latest version was issued in March this year (Chandos CHAN 9447) with Philip Langridge superb as Grimes, Janice Watson a radiantly voiced Ellen and a marvellous portrayal of the Methodist bigot Bob Boles by John Graham Hall. The conductor is Richard Hickox, with the City of London Sinfonia. In spite of an over-resonant acoustic, this is a very recommendable issue, but Britten's remains the best (Decca 414 577-2, 3CDs, £35.95) — all the others are on two — because it combines the unique authority of the composer's interpretation with Pears's total understanding of the "outsider" aspects of the title-role.



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Taking off the pressure: in the fast-track society of America, Arianna Huffington has decided to put the brakes on her daughter's hectic round

Hothouse meltdown

They have always been with us: tiny children staggering home from school under the weight of their satchels, sitting at the piano for hours perfecting their version of *Fur Elise* and strapped in the back of the Volvo being ferried from ballet, to fencing to extra French and to maths coaching.

But pressures on middle-class children have never been greater. At school, the curriculum changes constantly, tests proliferate and the introduction of the starred A grade for GCSE has given pupils a new high standard to aim for.

Parents whose aspirations have been dashed by the recession are focusing all their hopes on their offspring, and training them like paratroopers to survive in our competitive society.

But if many adults cannot cope with the pressures of this cut-throat world, then nor can their children. And the symptoms of hothousing are beginning to show. A survey published recently by the charity Childline called *Stressed Out*, pointed out that children as young as seven are under so much pressure from schoolwork and exams that some of them consider suicide. The survey showed that a mounting emphasis on academic success had made schoolwork the main worry in their lives.

In January, 18-year-old Richard Metcalf was found dead in the library of Winchester College, having taken an overdose of painkillers. His mother, Carolyn, is convinced that her son's death was the result of the pressure.

An open verdict was recorded at the inquest of the scholarship boy, who had a place to read classics at Oxford. No one knows if his death was suicide or accidental; what is certain is that Richard, who had chosen to take six A levels, as well as involving himself in a host of extracurricular activities, found himself living under an unendurable strain. "He would work until 3am, then take a bath still reading his Latin books," says his mother. "Then he would fall asleep and his books would slide into the water."

Earlier this year, several parents withdrew their children from Newton Prep, a self-proclaimed school for gifted children in London, after allegations of bullying and intimidation. Richard Dell, the headmaster of the £6,000-a-year establishment, attended by the children of celebrities such as Paula Yates and the model Yasmin Le Bon, admitted that there had been bullying, but denied it was endemic.

Parents disagreed. "My eight-year-old daughter was bullied to the point where she had to give up her scholarship," says the mother of one former pupil, who declined to be named. "She was a bubbly, happy little thing but now she has lost all her self-esteem."

Christiana Hayward, who also withdrew her eight-year-old daughter Ariana, says:

Are we destroying our children's lives by driving them too hard? Julia Llewellyn Smith investigates a disturbing phenomenon

"Teachers tended to give a lot of attention to the children who were gifted and not enough to those who didn't fit in with the image of being beautiful, happy, intelligent children, so they got upset. Ariana was praised too much in front of the other children and the jealousy got out of hand."

Pressures here have not yet reached the same levels as in America, where young Manhattanites are working the same hours as Wall Street bankers in order to enter an Ivy League college. More than a quarter of New York state schools now offer places for

daughter took the point and seeing a homeless person in a doorway, said nervously: "You mean, if I don't I might end up like him?"

"I think middle-class parents put an enormous amount of pressure on their children," she says. "They are endlessly comparing themselves to other parents, endlessly obsessed with achieving. They are always ferrying children from one activity to another and researching new maths techniques which will ensure their child comes top of the class."

"If you have a child at a private school you see them come home at five with a

nothing wrong with urging a child to achieve. "A child will not reach the top without encouragement and help," she says. "There are times when you must push a child to sit down and practise the piano. If you have expectations of children and provide for them, then they will rise to this."

Peter Kendall, a child consultant, agrees. "Children should be given as much encouragement as possible," he says. Dr Kendall has worked with many gifted children, such as Ahmed Luqman, who at the age of seven was tackling A-level maths problems.

He says he admires parents like Ahmed's mother, Faheeda, who took her child out of school and tutored him at home. "I suppose you could call her a pushy parent, but her child was living in a tower block and the local comprehensive could not meet his needs."

Problems come when parents want to live vicariously through their children's success. Child psychologists say that childhood neuroses, including attention deficit, hyperactivity disorder, and stress-related stomach-aches and headaches, can often be attributed to parents pushing their children too hard.

"Anyone who has kids knows that you want them to have all the things that you didn't, and this means there can be an enormous amount resting on children's shoulders," says Dr Kendall. "It pays to know what the agenda is — yours, or your child's."

Dr Freeman says: "Over and over again I have seen parents put pressure on children, so they think that they won't be loved unless they make the grade."

Another child psychologist says: "You wouldn't believe how many screwed-up children I see, whose parents are frantic because they are going to fail Common Entrances and won't get into Winchester or Westminster. Mostly, these are sensible children who would be unhappy at such competitive schools, but the parents don't care."

Intelligence, say the experts, is only one factor in a blueprint for a successful life.

"Getting on requires three things: brain matter, reading and writing ability and personality and drive. Determination and self-confidence are vital, but they won't show up in an IQ test," says Dr Kendall.

But a child with high intelligence is not doomed to trauma. "Ability itself is not a problem. Most gifted children probably grow into gifted adults," says Dr Freeman. "Problems only come from other people's expectations."



Under pressure? Gifted children at Newton Prep

satchel full of homework. If your child is at a state school then you must offer them huge amounts of coaching and support at home.

"I don't remember my parents putting me under pressure — they just gave me mild encouragement. But times have changed. The recession has made me feel very vulnerable and I feel vulnerable for my children."

"I am the breadwinner in my family and my work is very precarious, so I am aware that my daughter needs to do well at school and pass her exams if she is to survive out there. At the same time, I worry that I am putting too much pressure on her."

My six-year-old does French and does music on a Saturday morning and she would really like to dance, but we both agree that that would be too much. At the end of the day she enjoys it and she gets a sense of achievement from it, but there is a very fine line between that and putting a child under stress."

According to Dr Joan Freeman, the author of *Gifted Children Growing Up* (Cassell) and a former governor of Newton Prep, there is

History has many examples of the perils of pushiness. Karl Wittenstein, one of the richest industrialists of the late 19th century, was the father of eight enormously gifted children, whom he kept away from school. Three of his five sons committed suicide, so Karl gave up and allowed the unpromising youngest son to go to the local technical high school for a normal education. This was Ludwig Wittenstein, one of the greatest philosophers of the century.

He would concentrate on a less lucrative but more glittering political career. Childcare duties (which could not be left to the nanny) were to be divided equally, emphasising Blair's right-on, new man credentials.

Would Justine Frischmann have made a convincing lead singer of Elastica, if she had

not acquired suitable credibility from hang-

ing out with boyfriend Damon Albarn from Blur?

In television, the cosmic award must be held by Dawn French and Lenny Henry. After the adoption of their daughter, Billie, French and Henry received the ultimate testament, a heartwarming spread in *Hello!*.

Any mutual

backscratching must

be carefully managed.

There was an outcry

when James Wood,

then the literary editor

of *The Guardian*, recommended that a novel

by Claire Messud be

shortlisted for the Booker Prize. Messud, it transpired, was his wife. It is no easy task,

however, to balance the demands of dual stardom.

Success as a cosmic

couple requires a gen-

erosity of spirit. Siesta

Tillyard, author of

Aristocrats, the

bestselling account of

five sisters in the 18th

century, is married to

John Brewer of the

European University

in Florence. He is frequently left

babysitting their two

children while his wife

pursues her own

career.

Other emergent pow-

er couples include Lin-

da Coley, Professor of

History at Yale Uni-

versity and the

author of *Britons Forging*

the Nation and David

Cannadine, Professor of

History at Columbia

University (both British); Naomi Heaton,

the managing director

of London Central

Portfolio Services and

Mark Heaton, the dep-

uty chairman of Leo

Burnett Advertising;

the lawyers Elizabeth

Gloster, QC, and Stan-

ley Brodie, QC; and the

opera singers Ann

Murray and Philip

Langridge.

And then of course there are Charles and

Diana. By seeing the Princess of Wales as a

threat to his status, rather than an enhance-

ment, Charles lost the opportunity to be one

half of the greatest power couple of the

century.

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Matthew Parris



Once the Scots have their own parliament, English nationalists will turn nasty — and against Tony Blair

Here is a prophecy: within four years John Redwood will be an English nationalist and *The Sun* will be listing 20 things you can tell a Scot to stuff up his kit. It is a prospect to chill the blood. Imagine Tony Marlow, MP, the blond brute from Northampton, belting out bulldog chants in the Commons chamber; the blazer lapels of a score of pink-faced Tories sprouting the English rose, drum major Terri Gorman (Billericay, Eng Nat) wrapped in the flag of St George... By the end of the century little England could be big politics. Three things could save us. None is a like.

First, Tony Blair could drop his plans for a Scottish parliament with teeth. Skidding blindfold towards a constitutional bust-up of historic proportions cannot feel good. The nightmare of a general election haunted by questions he cannot answer followed by three years in which the issue derails all his hopes must wake him screaming. A late U-turn remains possible.

Or Labour could lose the election. Or they could win but lose the Scotland Bill in the Commons. So my scenario — the adventure of an Edinburgh parliament with home rule over Scotland — may never come. But this is a core pledge from a party 25 points ahead and only months from a general election.

You will forgive me if I contemplate the possibility that it might be honoured.

Few south of the border seem to. I fear this is because the wise have concluded that it is so stupid it cannot happen. Mr Blair would be plumb crazy to think England would stand for it. Not in a million years would we put up with Scottish MPs governing England after losing our stake in the government of Scotland. It's simply not on.

So surely Blair has something up his sleeve?

Well, what? He cannot promise an English parliament, because Labour would be in a permanent minority there. Nor can he be serious about creating a basketful of English regional parliaments: no powers could be given to such toys, and the idea would be laughed to scorn.

The simplest solution — to stop Scottish MPs at Westminster voting on English matters — would hand the administration of England back to the Tories. And cancelling the "tartan tax" won't help. The tartan tax is not a problem for England; we should insist the Scots do have a tartan tax if they want their own parliament — not least to pay for it.

So all of Blair's exits are blocked. He will just have to bulldoze a Scottish parliament past the protests of England. He probably can,

Every hospital closure, or rail service withdrawn will be blamed on Scotland

land compared with Scotland... This is how Scottish politics has demeaned itself over the past 15 years. Blame it on the Sassenachs. When England loses its say in the administration of Scotland, how much sharper an edge will "blame it on the Celts" command? And here John Redwood enters the fray. "There would be a backlash from England," he told the *Scottish Sunday Times* journalist Iain Martin (reported yesterday). "People would say you can't go on having all these MPs at Westminster and all this extra money."

Whether nascent English nationalism will demand a parliament for England or (what amounts to the same) the debarring of Scottish MPs from voting on English matters, or simply the slashing of Scotland's Westminster representation, I do not yet know. But I do know the Tory types who will be first onto the bandwagon. My worry is that liberal-minded politicians may be fastidious, allowing the Tory Right to capture the strongest new dynamic in our politics for decades, as the Left has captured it in Scotland.

This will be the new regionalism. If it comes, I trust those who now herald that dawn will not turn sadly aside, murmuring like British Rail spokesmen after snow that it was "the wrong kind of regionalism".

Book now

CALL IT natural enthusiasm, or call it panic, but there is definitely a touch of added rhino horn to Jeffrey Archer's latest round of book promotion. After some tepid reviews of his doorstopper *The Fourth Estate*, Archer is pushing salesmanship to snapping point. Understandable when a £15 million contract is riding on success.

Take Harrogate last week. Invited to a dinner and signing there, Archer addressed his task like the back end of a hornet. He spotted a window display of his book in a shop and had to be physically restrained by staff when he tried to clamber all over it to grab more copies to sign.

At the Blue Bell last week, an annual occasion for Tory high-ups and loyalists, Archer took advantage of his role as host to distribute more copies. "He was dishing them out all over," said one witness. "I most definitely wasn't," trilled Archer yesterday. "I only gave copies to old friends of mine in the Cabinet."

This week Archer goes to America. In Washington, he is to meet Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. "I met

Mrs Newt recently and she has arranged for me to meet him," the author explains. Here Archer may be putting loyalty to his publisher above loyalty to his greatest political hero. For it was Gingrich who earlier this year left Baroness Thatcher with an empty space to her right for most of her 70th birthday dinner. No amount of "pressure of work" excuses from Gingrich should make the true Thatcherist any more forgiving.



Archer: no one escapes

Libeskind's proposed extension to the V&A is an insult to everything the museum stands for

The great, the good, the bad and the ugly

What makes the great and the good choose the bad and the ugly? I've known Lord Armstrong of Ilminster since he was Reginald Maudling's private secretary in 1953, when I was a junior journalist on the *Financial Times*. Reginald Maudling was then one of Ted Heath's junior ministers at the Treasury. Robert Armstrong rose to be Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service in the 1980s.

He was one of the two or three best civil servants of the past half century, an excellent example of the virtues of the British tradition. He was devoted to the principles of democracy and rational government. He believed that a civil servant's job was to serve the policies of the democratically elected government, and he never confused the role of the civil servant with that of the minister. At the same time, he believed that good government needed a continuous process of professional and intellectually rigorous support. No one ever doubted his integrity, his skill, his humanity or his devotion to the public interest. Nor could anyone doubt the innovative energy he brought to the formation of policy — if civil servants can be divided into poets and practitioners, he ranks among the poets. He once got roughed up in an Australian court, but that was a secondary misfortune.

Lord Armstrong is therefore a friend I greatly admire. I do not admire Daniel Libeskind's design for the new building at the Victoria and Albert Museum, which would be a disaster for the V&A in particular and for civilisation in general.

The proposed building is intended to be an anti-building, working out a "deconstructionist" theory of art in its architectural form. It is not therefore ugly by accident; it is ugly because that is what the architect wants it to be. As Richard Weston argued in a letter to *The Times* last Friday, this is

an architecture "designed to discomfort, physically, perceptually and intellectually". Lord Armstrong is the present chairman of the board of trustees of the V&A. The trustees want to erect this deconstructionist building on the Boilerhouse Yard site adjoining the museum. In his letter to *The Times* on the same day, he defended the proposed building, calling it an "exciting design concept". That is an interesting choice of words. He does not say that it is a good design, or a practical one, and he certainly does not argue that it is a beautiful one. He writes that it is an "exciting" one. Undoubtedly excitement is one of the themes of our modern culture — Hollywood aims to make exciting films — but it implies an assault on the senses, an aesthetic of aggression. *The Silence of the Lambs* is an exciting film, but a sinister one.

Lord Armstrong does not even say that it is an "exciting design", but that it is an "exciting design concept". We are invited to admire not a building, but the architect's concept of a building, something much more remote and abstract. The visitor to London in a generation's time will not be having an agreeable intellectual conversation with Daniel Libeskind. He will look out of the windows of his bus or taxi and see a disturbingly ugly building that has resulted from an intentionally destructive philosophy of architecture.

Even if this were a matter of aesthetic dispute, with one group of critics saying that the design is

beautiful and another saying that it is hideous, I would not particularly trust Robert Armstrong's judgment. Most of us have a dominant aesthetic interest; we have perceived beauty through the eye, the ear, or through language. Robert Armstrong, as was shown by his long service to the Royal Opera House, is primarily musical rather than visual. But in any case this is not an aesthetic question but a conceptual one. We are not discussing whether this is an ugly building, but whether this

William Rees-Mogg

particular form of ugliness is so suited to our civilisation that it ought to be built in the London of the end of the 20th century.

One must not review books which have not yet been published; but I have been reading a review copy of an important book coming out next month, which I strongly recommend, Paul Oppenheimer's *Evil and the Demon*. In a note at the end he quotes an article on deconstructionism by Marc Fumaroli, published in *The Times Literary Supplement* of February 14, 1992.

This article was entitled, "A walk in the desert: the ghosts in the ruins of

deconstructionist intellectuals in the West wore Mao jackets and scrawled Maoist slogans on the walls of their old universities.

The worldwide revolution against the old humanist culture of truth and beauty has therefore been historically important; it is perhaps odd that it should only now have reached the Trustees of the V&A, but it is even odder that it should reach them at all. What is the V&A about? It is an institution for the promotion of scholarship, the study of the history of design, and more broadly the search for beauty in human art. What has Lord Armstrong's career been about? He has devoted his life to an essentially humanist search for truth and order in the tangle of government affairs. What is deconstructionism? Marc Fumaroli argued that post-modernist and deconstructionist theory, which are in origin French intellectual developments, owe their influence to the French defeat in 1940, to "the German occupation and the epuration following the Liberation of 1945. Whole areas of the symbolic legacy of French culture... disappeared because of their complicity with the Vichy regime. By contrast the tired remnants of Surrealism, allying themselves to the Communist Party together with the émigrés around Jean-Paul Sartre, coloured by nihilistic anarchism and Marxism, suddenly acquired disproportionate significance. They became rivals and accomplices in a literary Reign of Terror. An abstract, artificial, system, strophed and artificial, was the progeny of this literature of arrogant camp-followers".

T his French experience is one of the historic roots of deconstructionism; another is the intellectual reaction to the Holocaust, seen as the ultimate repudiation of humanism. If man could produce the Holocaust, man had to be taken out of the centre of art — the five centuries of humanism were over. The rejection of old symbols extended far beyond France or even Europe. A third source of deconstructionism was Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution, which was a deliberate iconoclastic destruction of the old culture of China. In the 1960s,

the Government for the BSE crisis, I expect to see a rise in Tory support and a fall in Labour's rating, in part also because of recent stories about disarray in the Shadow Cabinet. But that may not last long. Voters like firm leadership, but it has to be vindicated by results. And while Europe is increasingly important on the list of issues influencing people's votes, it is well behind the health service, schools and the economy.

N onetheless, Labour is nervous. When the Tory tabloids — *The Sun*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Express* and *Daily Star* — stepped up their strident and often jingoistic anti-Brussels campaign, a few weeks ago, Labour started picking up a distinct anti-European mood in its polling and focus groups of voters. The Tories are trying to maximise differences on populist issues such as tax, crime and, now, Europe. Just as Gordon Brown and Jack Straw have dodged these traps, often to the irritation of Labour MPs, so Mr Blair sought to avoid being portrayed as unpatriotic and undermining Britain's case. But he appeared indecisive, damaging his image. His calculation is that this does not matter if Mr Major falls on his face. But Mr Blair may have been too cautious. While supporting the call for a lifting of the beef ban, he should have attacked the Government for making a solution less rather than more likely. He should now be confronting the Government and the tabloids. Although Paddy Ashdown is less vulnerable politically, he has at least made a forthright case for Britain in Europe.

The worry for Mr Blair is that while most European leaders are now looking forward to seeing him replace Mr Major, they do not believe that a Labour government will make much difference. Attitudes might improve, but Britain would still be an uneasy EU member. The BSE affair has not just exposed the bankruptcy of the Major Government's European policy; it has reinforced the belief of Germany and France that an inner core should be allowed by treaty to press ahead regardless of British internal politics.

Driven to self-destruction

Peter Riddell says thwarting the EU won't win John Major any friends



RIDDELL ON MONDAY

ing, since Mr Major believed he had assurances of support. But even on its own terms, the vote was only a temporary setback. The margin in favour of easing the ban was not enough under the weighted rules of qualified majority voting, but it should be sufficient on June 3 and 4, when the issue is considered by agriculture ministers and only a simple majority is required. Trying to put in place a procedure for a step-by-step relaxation of the wider ban has to involve recognition of the fear in the rest of the EU. And if no progress is made then, the solution is to go to the European Court.

The Government has mishandled the BSE issue throughout. It has failed to eliminate BSE from the food chain; and when ministers admitted a possible link with a fatal human disease, they did not take decisive action to reassure consumers. They have also miscalculated the impact on the rest of Europe, especially Germany, where demand for beef products has fallen much further than here.

Britain has a strong case that the ban on all exports of beef products is not justified on scientific grounds, as the Commission in Brussels accepts.

But the Government has misplayed its hand. It has appeared insensitive to worries elsewhere about the eradication of BSE. The failure to lift even the ban on beef derivatives last Monday was obviously very frustrating.

Mr Major's policy of non-cooperation is both petulant and self-defeating. It combines maximum annoyance with minimum effect. As Jacques Santer said yesterday, it will

Lifting the ban on beef derivatives will hardly be enough. Mr Major talked on Tuesday of waiting until we have "a clear framework in place leading to lifting of the wider ban". But the sceptics argue that the ban has to be lifted completely. John Redwood is linking beef to his general argument for renegotiating British EU membership. He strongly denies that his proposals for a unilateral fisheries limit and for British laws to be supreme over rulings of the European Court would mean withdrawal from the EU, but they are incompatible with continued membership.

Consequently, the electoral implications are not as clear-cut as some Tory MPs hope. There may be short-term benefits. Despite yesterday's poll showing that most people blame

across the nation throwing off their wigs to rock 'n' roll.

His Honour Judge Scott Wolstenholme hammers the drums and His Honour Judge David Wood is king of the keyboards, while barristers make up the rest of the outfit.

"I used to play in rock bands in my youth," explains Wolstenholme. "We can do rock 'n' roll, rhythm and blues, pop, jazz. But most of it is in a Sixties time warp."

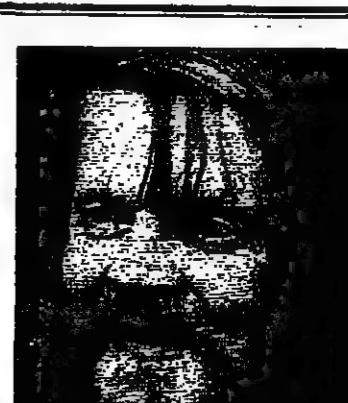
Naval gaze

Rule Britannia and God Save the Queen wafted across Manhattan's East River on Friday night when the officers of the Royal Navy aircraft carrier *HMS Illustrious* threw a party on deck for some 300 locals. The ship is in New York for Fleet Week and a band belted out patriotic tunes at sundown.

Illustrious has been in American waters for a recent British-US exercise. The Americans patronised the vessel as a "little ship with a big radar", but the smiles vanished when her helicopters detected and "sank" nine US submarines. The American Defence Secretary, William Perry, congratulated the Brits and asked for a full report on how such a seemingly ill-equipped ship had done so well. Native cunning,



How do you turn a gorilla on?

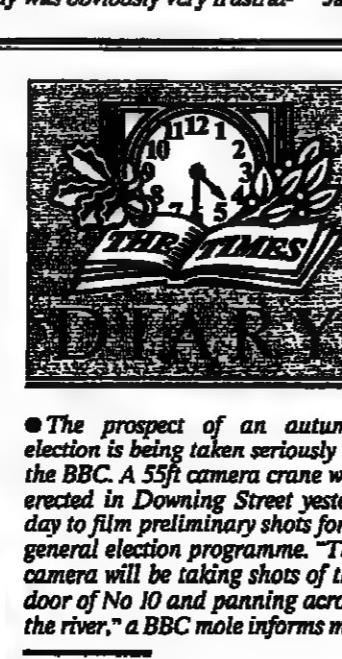


Lord Bath wants to know

the sniggering duo were up to. "He gave us a lovely tour of the house, all his private parts," says deadpan Dee. "I don't think he really watches much television or knew who we were. But he said his gorillas were avid viewers."

Lord Bath is in despair at his gorillas' lack of interest in breeding. After years of submitting them to encouraging films of gorilla mating, he has taken a further step. "He's been showing them porn films to try to get them to breed, but without any success," reveals Dee.

P.H.S.



proudly. "It's about a minister who sacrifices his personal life to ambition. There are lots of ghosts in it."

Judge not

NOT every judge in the land is gunning for Michael Howard. Two M4uds on the North Eastern Circuit have more important matters in hand, namely Count One and the T.I.C. (which stands for "taken into consideration") — a musical combo that has had colleagues

Red alert

ROGER SCRUTON, the fiery-haired right-wing philosopher, is to receive a rare tribute this week. He will become the first Englishman to receive the First of June Prize, which is given to people judged to have played an important role in the overthrow of communism.

To celebrate the occasion, my opera, *The Minister*, will be performed in Pilsen. Scruton says

"It can't be German measles: we're boycotting German imports"

Jeff Thompson

ILLUSTRATION BY JEFF THOMPSON

Police were called to the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London when metal detectors were stolen from a stand at a convention organised by the European Civil Aviation Conference. Delegates were busy in a security symposium.

Apeing it

THE comedians Jack Dee and Jeremy Hardy mercilessly lampoon the upper classes in a forthcoming Channel 4 show filmed on location at the Marquess of Bath's Longleat estate. But the marquess, it seems, didn't realise quite what

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WHO LOST RUSSIA?

Western soul-searching would follow Communist victory

The hot button issue in the 1950s was 'who lost China?'. If Yeltsin goes down, the question 'who lost Russia?' will be an infinitely more devastating issue in the 1990s.' Those were the words of the late Richard Nixon in 1992. The former President was uniquely placed to make such an assertion, having begun his political career through his effective promotion of the China lobby and ended it as the most senior statesman on the Russian question.

A triumph for Gennadi Zyuganov is far from assured. Indeed what polling evidence there is suggests that Boris Yeltsin may yet be re-elected. Even if President Yeltsin does emerge victorious it will only be by distancing himself from the reform movement he once personified and embracing nationalist causes that the Communists have so successfully adopted. No outcome in this contest is really satisfactory.

If the Communists do prevail, then a certain cycle of reaction can be predicted. The first, as we outline on page 8 today, will be shock and speculation about the return of the Cold War. After that, soothing voices will suggest that Mr Zyuganov is a pragmatist at heart and that contemporary Communists are different creatures from their predecessors. That false calm is unlikely to last and would be displaced by a prolonged period of uncertainty. The likely outcome would be a partial reversal of political pluralism in Moscow, a halt to market reforms and a much more assertive approach promoting Russian interests in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe with rank hostility towards Nato expansion.

In almost any event, including a narrow Yeltsin win, Nixon's question seems certain to be asked. In many ways it is an unfair one. Russia was not the West's to lose. Many of the mistakes that have undoubtedly been made over the last five years were made by Moscow reformers themselves.

BOYCOTT BURMA

Travellers should beware the Rangoon junta

Aung San Suu Kyi's defiant decision to go ahead with the planned conference of her National League for Democracy (NLD) at the weekend is a brave decision made by a woman who has long counted the cost of such personal courage. More than 200 supporters of her party have just been arrested. Though the NLD won a landslide mandate in the 1990 elections, the military junta controlling Burma has persistently refused to honour its opponents' victory.

For more than 30 years Burma has barricaded its borders against outside influences. It has in its turn been shunned by most of the world. But now, starved of economic support, the former British colony is beginning to feel the pinch. Burma is trying to creep back in from the cold.

Vital to its attempts at rehabilitation is its promotion of tourism. The State Law and Order Restoration Council which brutally seized power in 1988, massacring hundreds of pro-democracy demonstrators, is now putting forth its most invidious face in an attempt to lure foreign cash into its coffers. The ancient Burmese cities of Pagan, Rangoon and Mandalay churn the sound of cement-mixers as new hotels spring up in preparation for the October tourist season, when monsoon rains begin to ease.

Burma is a land of wild Conadian beauty, of misted pagodas and moated temples. But, in anger and frustration at the military junta's indifference to democratic opinion, the United States Government is currently contemplating a call for a world boycott of tourism to Burma.

Opening borders to foreign visitors can expose oppressive regimes to a destabilising influence. During its communist era, Alba-

In retrospect, however, fundamental mistakes were made by the Western democracies which could have been avoided. The first was the assumption that the shift towards markets and democracy east of the former Iron Curtain was irreversible. Given Communism's record of economic failure and human brutality, the idea that it was too morally bankrupt to make a comeback was perhaps too easily accepted. The degree to which adherents to the old party remodel themselves was underestimated.

If this was forgivable, the two further failures are less so. Western aid has been inadequate and ineffective. In particular, resources were insufficient to provide a social cushion for the enormous upheaval that the rapid creation of a market democracy would produce. What aid has been delivered has reached too narrow a stratum of Russian society. It is no overstatement to suggest that George Soros, through his relentless promotion of the information revolution to a wide section of the populace, has done more to integrate Russia with the outside world and render the totalitarian option implausible than any elected politician.

Added to this was the failure to remodel the European Community in the light of the events of 1989 and 1991. Democracy and markets were fragile creatures that required the solid anchor of incorporation into Europe. Instead, deepening was pursued at the expense of widening and Russia was shut out. The subsequent proposals for Nato enlargement up to Russia's borders gave the Communists an issue which allowed them to pose as patriots.

There is relatively little the West can do to influence the electoral outcome. The best option remains Mr Yeltsin. All the West can do is hope that Mr Nixon's words do not become prophecy and that it has the opportunity not to make the same mistakes again.

HIGHLAND LINE

From glen to ben, a funicular would help the Cairngorms

A century ago no mountain was too steep for Victorian engineers to tackle. They built tramways down the cliff of seaside resorts, light railways to panoramic peaks and funiculars that ratcheted their winding way to the top of Snowdon. Their constructions, restored by conservation groups, are now admired for their ingenuity and cherished for their industrial architecture.

Today's engineers face tougher obstacles. Those mountains unscaled by technology are fighting to preserve their lofty isolation. Opposition by environmentalists and nature lovers has killed dozens of plans to build roads into Britain's dwindling wilderness. Now they are threatening also to kill a railway, whose daring equals the grand projects of the past: the Cairngorm Funicular.

The £17 million project has been around for a long time. When, in happier days, Lord Fraser developed plans to transform Aviemore into the hub of a new Scottish skiing industry, he assumed that skiers could rely on buses, cars and chairlifts to reach the mountains. His assumption was as mist-bound as the slopes that offer some of Europe's worst skiing. Aviemore, as even investors admit, has been a dreadful failure. Critics say the shabby assortment of cavernous concrete buildings and incongruous high-rise hotels have become Scotland's most derided tourist resort — an aircraft carrier with windlasses as Billy Connolly once described it. Chalets with self-service cafeterias and raucous tartan-clad pubs hardly make for Alpine après-ski glamour.

Aviemore Centre has changed ownership four times in a decade; the latest vision — for a swimming-pool, ice-rink and leisure complex — may not be enough to restore confidence. The fears that thousands more trippers on skis will reach the top of Cairn Gorm, scattering beer tins as they go, are what lie behind the opposition to the proposed funicular. But they are mistaken.

Britain is no Switzerland. It has few mountains and many who want to explore them — on foot in summer or on skis in winter. Aviemore's chairlifts are old and inadequate. A railway is the best way to move people without the pollution and despoliation of cars; for years, Zermatt allowed only rail access. In an extraordinary concession to the environmentalists, it has been agreed that the funicular can take passengers to the top but once there they are to be confined to a restaurant and a high-tech interpretative centre. That would indeed stop trespass on the virgin peaks. But it is madness. What is the point of scaling a mountain if not to breathe in the air and stretch the limbs? Is it beyond conservancy officials to designate pathways, tenuously fragile eco-systems?

The funicular should go ahead. It could even be run by steam. Swiss locomotive technology has built steam trains more cheaply than diesel, as clean as electricity. The railway might finally bring life and vibrancy to the resort at its base. It should be a mountain marvel enjoyed by all, bringing people to mountains they should all be allowed to enjoy.

Disputed plans for sentencing reform

From His Honour Judge Richard Holman

Sir, One of the problems with the Home Secretary's sentencing proposals appears in his own letter (May 24). He refers to 217 offenders and 40 crimes. It is not to devalue the gravity of these offences to point out that they represent a minute fraction of the cases dealt with by the criminal courts in a year.

The wisdom of legislation in such circumstances is questionable. Moreover, unless the statute is carefully drafted, which on past record is doubtful, there is a very real danger of the sentencing straitjacket applying in cases it was not intended to cover and, on occasions, not applying in situations for which it was designed.

Therein lies the denial of justice which is of concern to the judiciary.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HOLMAN,
The Crown Court,
Crown Square, Manchester.
May 24.

From His Honour Michael Argyle, QC

Sir, I believe that those correspondents who oppose the Home Secretary's sentencing proposals do little more than score a few legal and technical points which will appeal to some lawyers, most do-gooders and all criminals.

More than 90 per cent of crime in this country is tried by magistrates, who take their lead from the judges. The fact is that the courts in the last few years have signally failed to use the powers they already possess. How often do we hear of a maximum sentence being passed, save when the court complains that the statutory limit is inadequate for that particular case?

This is why the present Home Secretary has, I believe, the overwhelming support of the silent masses who are the actual or potential victims of the criminals. In the face of police powerlessness and judicial and magisterial incompetence. He is our only hope.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL ARGYLE,
The Red House,
Nr Southwell, Nottinghamshire.
May 24.

From Mrs Jan Davies

Sir, It is all very well for Michael Howard and others to hold forth about how criminals are going to be punished more severely. Villains must first be caught and then be prosecuted effectively. Those of us who work daily with the criminal justice system know it is in a parlous state.

In my work as a defence solicitor, I have come across a number of worrying incidents in the Thames Valley when even 999 calls were not answered because there were simply not enough officers on duty to respond, and numerous cases in which people were not arrested for days, sometimes weeks, even though it must have been obvious where they could be found. Evidence is not always collected from witnesses, and sub-stations are often manned only by answering machines. Senior police officers will admit privately that they have not enough personnel.

Similarly, our local Crown Prosecution Service is starved of resources. Files are sometimes lost, or too much time is spent chasing the police for information which should be readily available. Prosecutors have been warned that if they complain publicly about rumoured plans by Government to run down their operations still further, they risk dismissal.

What is needed is some hard work and some funding, none of which will make the headlines or win cheap cheers at Tory party conferences. The Government seems to have two priorities: to make public pronouncements on how it is going to reduce crime and not to spend any money.

Yours faithfully,
JAN DAVIES (solicitor),
Reading Solicitors' Chambers,
36 St Mary's Butts,
Reading, Berkshire.
May 24.

From Mr A. G. T. Walker

Sir, If a twice-convicted rapist is sentenced to a mandatory term of life imprisonment, to whom is this a 'denial of justice' (report, May 24)?

Yours faithfully,
ANTONY WALKER,
Honeywood House,
Mill Lane, St Ippolyts,
Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire.
May 24.

From Mr Richard Rogers

Sir, The Ferris wheel (letters, April 24) will be a joyful addition to London. I can happily imagine floating high above London in a wonderfully designed Ferris wheel powered by the flow of the Thames. Views slowly opening up the Houses of Parliament, the Festival Hall, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's, the great green parks, the towers in the City, the bridges strung across the silvery Thames.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD ROGERS,
Richard Rogers Partnership,
Thames Wharf, Rainville Road, W6.
May 22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Germany and the Final Solution

From Mr Gerald Fleming

Sir, The questions raised by Dr Daniel Goldhagen's book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners* (review, March 28; report, May 9), are of immense importance, even now.

Dr Goldhagen is a gifted man of the utmost integrity and competence but I believe, as a historian of the Third Reich familiar with the archive material, that he has gone over the top in attributing guilt for the mammoth crime of the "Final Solution" to a whole generation of Germans, on the basis of his careful research in a specific but too narrow field.

The demonisation of the Jews, starting in the Middle Ages, led to dreadful and unique mass murder of Jews in our time. This diabolisation grew out of widespread religious and totalitarian extreme militancy and resulted in a never-to-be-forgotten manifestation of "the beast in man", a historic stain from which Europe has not yet fully recovered.

But to point the finger of guilt now at an entire generation of Germans would only be historically correct and fully justified on the basis of substantial newly discovered evidence, or evidence of a historically conclusive nature, disregarded by researchers until now. The evidence at our disposal is neither sufficiently substantial nor conclusive enough to warrant such wholesale historic condemnation.

Yours sincerely,
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Hitler and the Final Solution),
Emeritus Reader in German,
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May 22.

Rorke's Drift VCs

From Major M. R. Snook

Sir, I write as a serving officer of the Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot), the modern-day descendants of the 2nd Warwickshire Regiment and the South Wales Borderers, in response to Michael Allwood's letter (May 23) concerning the Rorke's Drift VCs.

As to the "Welshness" of the 24th, does Dr Allwood believe that the 1881 change of title was plucked from thin air? Does he regard it as a coincidence that the renowned Iandlhwain Colours, worn in January 1879, is laid up in Brecon Cathedral rather than somewhere in Warwickshire?

The change of county title was a reflection of reality, for the regimental depot of the 24th had been located in Brecon since 1873, six years before the Zulu War, and many recruits from South Wales were trained there.

The garrison of Rorke's Drift was B Company of the 2nd Battalion. It contained many young Welshmen, probably a smattering of Irishmen and, I would venture to suggest, almost nobody from Warwickshire, despite the county title.

The other ancestor of the modern-day regiment, the 41st Regiment of Foot, has a specifically Welsh heritage which predates even 1873.

It is perhaps worth mentioning that besides the two VCs from the 24th born in Wales, a third, born in Gloucestershire, had served for five years in the Monmouthshire Militia before enlisting in the 24th.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC LUMMIS,
44 Brackendale Road,
Camberley, Surrey.
May 23.

Signs of the times

From Sir Archie Lamb

Sir, Peter Riddell's article of May 13, "Cabinets, codes and the courts", struck a chord with Zeals Parish Council at its meeting yesterday evening. Since 1994 the council has been trying to persuade the Department of Transport and the Highways Agency to restore a sign to Zeals on the A303(M) bypass arbitrarily removed by the agency without consultation and with consequent detrimental effect on the traders of Zeals who, prior to the bypass, relied on the passing trade.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman) is precluded by the relevant 1967 Act from hearing a complaint by local councils. The reasons for this may have been valid 30 years ago, when public administration was in the hands of the four tiers of government

Parliament — which should be aware of the increased importance attached to the executive and consultative roles of parish councils (cf the Local Government Review and the Rural White Paper) — should amend the 1967 Act urgently to empower the Ombudsman to accept complaints from elected local councils of maladministration by the non-elected agencies. It must ensure that legislation promotes these roles and does not frustrate them.

Yours faithfully,
A. T. LAMB,
(Clerk, Zeals Parish Council),
White Cross Lodge,
Zeals, Wiltshire.
May 17.

you report. Ms Theakston needs comfort on the thought of being seasick I am sure she will get good advice from the Reverend Sally Pullman, a Baptist minister who has been a Royal Navy chaplain since 1990, including a period of service aboard an aircraft carrier in the Adriatic during the Bosnian conflict, or from the Reverend Alison Norman, a Church of Scotland Royal Navy chaplain since 1992.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BIGGS,
Chairman,
Free Church Federal Council,
34 Tavistock Square, WC1.
May 20.

Food for thought

From Mr Peter Cumming

Sir, Dr Mary Agass (letter, May 17) asks whether the transportation of perishable luxury food around the globe is the most sensible use of the world's limited oil reserves. "Yes," must be the answer. So long as people choose to fly to and from Bangkok in planes having spare hold capacity, it seems reasonable that this should be so.

Only if luxurious optional travel is reduced is the inessential transportation of perishable luxury food likely to diminish. Extravagant travellers have it in their power to stop international asparagus trafficking. Yours faithfully,
PETER CUMMING,
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34 Savernake Road, NW3.
May 17.

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Export of paintings by living artists

From Mr J. T. W. Martin

Sir, *The Painter's Room*, painted by Lucian Freud in 1943, was purchased at Sotheby's in 1994 by my client, a much respected foreign collector who has established her own museum of modern art.

For the first time since the Waverley criteria were introduced 40 years ago, providing that consent to export a work of art over 50 years old may be refused, even if the creator of that work is still living, an export licence was refused (report, March 5). This caused deep personal offence to the owner — who has in any event offered to lend it to the Tate Gallery, once export permission has been given.

Since the matter is being reconsidered, may I suggest that henceforth consent should be given to export works of art by living artists, for the following reasons among others:

1. To do otherwise may provoke other countries to take the same chauvinistic approach. This is contrary to the free movement of works of art around the world and the interests of British collectors and museums (both have always been able to buy works of art by living artists from abroad and bring them to the UK).
2. Refusal contravenes at the very least the spirit of European Community regulations concerning the free trade between member states.
3. The possibility of refusal could be an incentive to collectors and museums in this country to sell or export valuable works which are approaching 50 years of age.

It seems bizarre that this one painting (which has been offered on loan in this country in any event) has been refused an export licence. I trust that the Heritage Secretary will reverse the earlier decision.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. W. MARTIN,
Trowers and Hamlins (solicitors),
6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
May 24.

Nesting birds

From Mr John Henderson

Sir, Research by the British Trust for Ornithology now suggests (News in brief, earlier editions, May 2) it is safe to carry on feeding garden birds during the nesting season. It had been thought that, given an easy food supply, parents would not

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Dr Eric Anderson, Rector, Lincoln College, Oxford, 60; Mrs Irene Andrews, headmistress, Rickmansworth Masonic School, 54; the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry, 66; Admiral Sir Benjamin Barnes, 66; Mr Jeffrey Bernard, writer, 64; Miss Cilla Black, singer and broadcaster, 53; Miss Bryony Brind, ballerina, 36; Earl Cairns, 57; Mr Pat Cash, tennis player, 31; Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, 65; Mr Lewis Collins, actor, 52; Colonel Sir William Crawshaw, 76; Lord Erroll of Hale, 82; Mr Roger Freeman, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 54; Mr Paul Gascoigne, footballer, 29; Mr Duncan Goodhew, swimmer, 39; Miss Patricia Gould, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 72; Mr Norman Griggs, vice-president, Building Societies Association, 80; Lord Holme of Cheltenham, 60; Dr Henry Kissinger, KCMG, former American Secretary of State, 73; Mr Christopher Lee, actor, 74; the Duke of Leinster, 82; Sir John Moberly, diplomat, 71; Miss Thelma Musgrave, composer, 69; Mr Patrick O'Farrell, chairman, Lloyd's Register, 62; Mr Gerald Ronson, chief executive, Ronson International, 57; Miss Florence Shand, former executive director, YWCA, 65; Mr Sam Sainsbury, 54; Sir Ross Stainton, former chairman, BOAC, 82; Mr M.G.T. Webster, former chairman, DRG, 76.

University news

Oxford SOMERVILLE COLLEGE
Elections:
To an Honorary Scholarship in Biological Sciences, Madeline O'Keefe (formerly of Kingston College).
To an Irene Seymour Instrumental Scholarship in Music, Samantha Claire Boyle (formerly of The Kings School, Maidstone).
To a Hughes Exhibition in Jurisprudence, Claire Butler (formerly of Biddulph High School, Stoke-on-Trent).
To a Duxbury Exhibition in Physiological Science, Danielle Bernice Cohen (formerly of South Hampshire High School, London).
To a College Prize in English and Modern Languages, Helen Louise Bailey (High School for Girls, London).
To a T H Green Prize in Literae Humaniores, Lindsey Nicola Chadwick (formerly of Canadown ISPC, London).

Cambridge ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
Elections:
Research fellowships from Oct 1996 to 1998: Michael Reginald Froyle, Earth Sciences; Simon James Harrison, Ancient Philosophy; and Patricia Tognetti, Latin American Medieval Italian Literature; Mary Rachel Laven, Early Modern Italian History; Catherine Sobel, Medieval French; and Mark Tozer, Anglo-Saxon, Old Norse and Old English. To a fellowship and as lecturer in economics from October 1: Vivienne Ogilvy Barrowclough.

Nature notes



The hobby

HOBBIES are soaring over woods and fields with their curved wings; they look from some angles like large swifts. These acrobatic, dark blue falcons have become more widespread in the last few years. Goldfinches are building their mossy nests in the branches of fruit trees; they are the last of the finches to start breeding, since they like to feed their young on the thistle seeds that develop in June and July. There are many fledgeling blackbirds and song-thrushes hiding under bushes while their parents hunt for worms.

The air is full of the fluffy seed from sallow trees; it floats into cars and railway carriages. There are bright green leaves among the dark ivy on walls and tree-trunks. Many of the low-growing flowers of late May are now in

Scholarships for the Army

The following have been awarded Army scholarships for eventual entry to RMA Sandhurst: Sophie Alexander, Wakefield High School; Timothy Badham, Downside School; Patricia Bawson, Bell Baxter High School; Matthew Bell, Gundle School; James Cackett, 'The Skippers' Christopher Cameron, Wellington School; Tomas Cannon, Marlborough School; Thomas Clark, King's School, Grantham; Paul Clark, Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School; Stuart Clark, Twyford School; Lucas Cohen, King Edward VI Grammar School; James Corbet Burcher, King's

bloom where grass is patchy. The five-petaled red stars of storksbill often grow near the tiny purplish flowers of dove's-foot cranesbill; both have seeds that look like long beaks. Germander speedwell grows along the ground, turning up at the end; it has nettle-like leaves and brilliant blue flowers with a white eye-spot in the middle. Some wild strawberry flowers are already giving way to fruit.

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DEATHS

HOWARD - To Alex and Jane (late Gibb), on 4th May, a daughter, Anna Alexandra, a sister, and a brother.

STEWARTS - On 9th May, in Deborah (late Houston) and Charles, son, Frederick Martin Linton, who had been for Archie, Rosalie and Clement.

WOOD - On May 24th 1996, at 90, in London, Eddie McNamee and Quirat, a daughter, Harriet Emma, a sister, Charlotte.

MARRIAGES

DEANING-BENHAMS - The marriage of Lt Col Michael Deaning and Mrs Eileen Jennings, Nhs Cadets, took place quietly in Chesham on Friday 24th May 1996.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

SEBASTIAN-SAUERHEIM - On May 27th 1946, at All Saints Church, Norton Fitzwarren, Peter to Peggie.

DEATHS

BOUGHEY - Eddie Elmer, peacefully at home on 24th May, aged 86. Eddie was beloved widow of Canon John Boughey and mother of June and Michael. Serving Pevsner to the Royal Society of Architects and Nicholas. Family funeral service to take place in Northwark, London. A memorial service will also take place at St Peter's Church, Bromley, on Wednesday 29th June 1996 at 12 noon.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Amelia Bloomer, campaigner for women's rights, Homer, New York, 1818; Julia Howe, feminist, writer and reformer, New York, 1819; Wild Bill Hickok, US marshal, Troy Grove, Illinois, 1837; Arnold Bennett, novelist, Hanley, Staffordshire, 1879; Georges Rouault, expressionist painter, Paris, 1871; Isadora Duncan, dancer, San Francisco, 1877; Frank Woolley, England and Kent cricketer, Tonbridge, 1887; Dashiell Hammett, crime writer, 1894; Sir John Cockcroft, physicist, Nobel laureate 1951; Tomihiro, Japanese Vice-President 1965-69; Wallace, South Dakota, 1911.

DEATHS: Thomas Müntzer, Protestant reformer, executed, Mühlhausen, Germany, 1525; John Calvin, Protestant reformer, Geneva, 1564; François Bérenger, revolutionary, executed, Vendôme, 1797; Niccolò Paganini, composer and violin virtuoso, Nice, 1840; Sir Joseph Swan, chemist and physicist, Warrington, Surrey, 1914; Sir Thomas Blamey, Field Marshal, Melbourne, 1951; Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, first Prime Minister of India 1947-64, New Delhi, 1964.

The habeas Corpus Act was passed, 1679.

Peter the Great proclaimed St Petersburg the new Russian capital, 1703.

The Queen Mary sailed on her maiden voyage from Southampton via Cherbourg to New York, 1936.



Wordy devotion: some of the 500 competitors of the London regional final of *The Times/Aberlour Crossword Championship* puzzle it out

9-minute wonders share win

BY BRIAN GREER

IN AN exceptionally tight finish, the London regional final of *The Times/Aberlour Crossword Championship* at the Royal Lancaster Hotel on Saturday was jointly won by Tony Sever, 52, a computer systems designer from Eding, west London, and Michael Trollope, 50, a chemical engineer from Worthing, West Sussex.

Each solved four puzzles correctly in an average time of nine minutes. Taking fractionally longer, and also qualifying for the national final were Anne Bradford, 65, a lexicographer, Peter Brookbank, 42, a government lawyer, Roger Hooper, 47, a software engineer, John Meaden, 47, a mathematician, and Nick Petry, 43, a systems manager.

The pairs event was won by Alan Porteous, 53, a trade attorney, and his son Jonathan, 29, a lawyer, with an average time of under 14 minutes. Runners-up were Roger Green, 55, a writer, and Douglas Duff, 48, a schoolmaster, both from Oxford.

Personal jewellery made from animal teeth and shells was also found, suggesting a degree of conceptual thought in its creators' such portable art, like that on cave walls, was thought to have been exclusively the product of modern human beings, *Homo sapiens sapiens*, and not the

A BABY'S ear may hold a vital clue to human ancestry, illuminating the link between Neanderthal and modern man. It may also shed light on Neanderthal creativity in tool-making and ornamentation.

The baby in question died about 34,000 years ago. Part of its skull was excavated some years ago at the French Palaeolithic site of Arcy-sur-Cure, 35 kilometres southeast of Auxerre. Stone tools found at Arcy were attributed to the Châtelperronian industry, for many years seen as the first time that technically advanced blade tools appeared in Western Europe.

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Archaeology: French Palaeolithic site

Baby's ear sheds light on link between the Neanderthal age and modern man

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

Neanderthals, who were seen as their ancestors.

Views of the relationship have changed, however, and most scholars now regard *Homo sapiens neanderthalensis* as an evolutionary dead-end, replaced by immigrant sapiens from the East. In that respect, the identification in *Nature* this month of the Arcy-Cure baby as a Neanderthal raises some problems.

The skull fragment, comprising the left temporal bone and associated inner-ear labyrinth of a child about a year old, comes from Layer Xb, dated by radiocarbon to about 33,820 years ago. Jean-Jacques Hublin and his colleagues show that the semicircular canals of the labyrinth are good for balancing and upright walking, sit far lower than those of either modern man or chimpanzees, and are also smaller relative to body size.

The Arcy specimen can be

identified as Neanderthal on

the basis of the full suite of Neanderthal features shown by its labyrinth. The dating makes it among the most recent of Neanderthals.

Since modern humans are now known to have entered western Europe by 40,000 years ago, that implies coexistence of the two sub-species of mankind for at least six millennia. The stone tools from Arcy suggest that the Châtelperronian was technically synthetic based on Neanderthal flake technology but aping the forms of the parallel-sided Aurignacian blades introduced by modern humans.

That indicates a 'high degree of acculturation', the investigators say, while the association with personal ornaments so similar to those found in contemporary and nearby Aurignacian layers questions the nature of the cultural interactions with modern humans'. Rather

than granting the Arcy Neanderthals the possibility of creative ideas, or even technical imitation, however, Dr Hublin's team regard the personal jewellery as evidence of trade. They believe that the biological evidence of separate evolution, seen in the infant ear labyrinth, means that fully human thought processes did not illuminate the Neanderthal mind.

That accords with the conclusions recently reached by Dr Paul Mellars of Cambridge University on archaeological grounds: that lack of a language to describe things accurately prevented Neanderthals from matching a name with a mental image (*The Times*, February 5, 1996).

Whether the Neanderthals were wiped out by brighter moderns or starved out in unequal competition for resources remains to be settled.

Source: *Nature* 381:224-226.

Latest wills

VISCOUNT LEATHERS, OF CHIDDINGFOLD, SURVEY, shipping executive, former chairman of ATOL, died on 2nd Oct. 1995, aged 82. His wife, Mrs Josie Pollock, only son of the late Dr Anthony Pollock of County Tyrone, and of Lady Cassidy of Somerset, to Miss Suzanne Wanless, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Wanless, of Clevedon. The Right Rev. Dr Devonport, Auxiliary Bishop of Europe and Chaplain of St Mark's Florence, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Marina Saint Carneiro, Mrs Jane Reid, sister of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at Club de Prado Largo and the honeymoon is being spent in Minorca.

Mr J.M.L. Pollock and Miss S.I. Wanless

The marriage took place on Saturday in the Church of San Martín, Battipaglia, Tuscany, of Mr Joshua Pollock, only son of the late Dr Anthony Pollock of County Tyrone, and of Lady Cassidy of Somerset, to Miss Suzanne Wanless, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Wanless, of Clevedon. The Right Rev. Dr Devonport, Auxiliary Bishop of Europe and Chaplain of St Mark's Florence, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Alice Deaconde and James Napoli and Miss Elizabeth Webster. Mr Michael MacKay Lewis was best man.

A reception was held at the Convento di San Croce and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.A. Hope of Lafffoss and Mrs A.M.W.J. Hailman

The marriage has been arranged, and will take place shortly, of George Archibald Hope of Lafffoss and Mrs Anna Maria Willemina Jacobs Fabius, widow of Jean Gaspard Halsma Muller.

Mr M.G. Prothero and Miss T.L. Riddon

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Prothero, of Hong Kong, and Tess, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Riddon, of Colston Bassett, Nottinghamshire.

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OBITUARIES

HIS HONOUR BERNARD GILLIS

His Honour Bernard Gillis, QC, an Additional Judge at the Central Criminal Court, 1964-80, died on May 5 aged 90. He was born on August 10, 1905.

ON AT least one occasion Bernard Gillis's instinctive compassion got the better of him. After jailing a rapist for life at the Old Bailey, he agreed that the man's identity should not be disclosed for fear of distressing his elderly parents. But two hours later, after protest from the press, Gillis reconvened the court with his apologies — to admit that he had no power to make such an order.

The mistake was a rare one in a career spanning half a century, during which Gillis had become an institution at the Old Bailey — with his name almost a household word through its constant appearance in the newspapers. At one time he was equally familiar on the radio. Before the war he devised and presented two series for the then fledgeling BBC, one called *Around The Courts* and the other *Is That The Law?* Then eight years ago he appeared before his biggest audience when he took the part of the judge on television at a mock trial of the late Sir Roger Hollis, the former head of MI5 whom some had suspected of being a Soviet spy.

BUT Gillis kept his own views to himself, remaining as always scrupulously fair. Among the many Old Testament quotations for which he was famous, his favourite — as it was Lord Beaverbrook's — came from the Book of Micah: "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before your God."

His mastery of scriptures was hardly surprising. Born Bernard Benjamin Gillis in north London, he was the son of a rabbi and one-time headmaster, whose forebears had migrated to this country from Lithuania. Being born around midnight on August 10-11, Bernard always claimed two birthdays on the ground that no one was sure which one was his.

When he was ten the family moved to Nottingham, where he went to High Pavement School. Then six years later they moved again to Newcastle upon Tyne, from where he won a place at Downing College, Cambridge, to read Law. A studious and ambitious undergraduate, he played little sport but was elected to the committee of the Cam-



bridge Union Society and spoke from time to time in union debates.

Gillis was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1927 and joined the North Eastern Circuit. He also took an increasing interest in politics and stood three times for Labour in general elections, at Henley-on-Thames, Brackley and in one of the safer Tory seats in Newcastle. But he had little chance in any of them and gave up trying to get

into Parliament at the age of 30 in order to concentrate on his career at the Bar.

Commissioned in the RAF in the Second World War, Gillis served on the operations staff at Northwood in Middlesex, and at Leuchars in Fife before being posted to Canada in 1942. He returned two years later and was on the staff at Reading until the end of the war.

Resuming his legal career on being demobilised with the rank of squadron leader, he built up a reputation for sifting through the financial detail of fraud cases. He took silk in 1954, was made Recorder of Bradford in 1959 and served as commissioner at various times at the Central Criminal Court and at the Assizes in Lancaster, Cheltenham and Bodmin.

In 1964, however, he was appointed a judge at the Old Bailey, where he was to spend the next 16 years. He was elected a bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 1960 and served as treasurer in 1976 — the same year in which Downing College made him an honorary fellow.

When he retired in 1980, he shared a leaving party with another Old Bailey judge, Alan King-Hamilton, whose career had run on parallel lines to his own.

Freshmen together at Cambridge, they had both become squadron leaders in the war, had taken silk at the same time and been appointed judges on the same day — to form something of a joint institution at the Central Criminal Court.

Gillis was known for his dry wit and his attention to English grammar. He used to tell each of his pupils: "Don't forget, dear boy, the English barrister is the custodian of the English language." He was intensely proud of his profession and resented any affront to its dignity.

In retirement he continued to sit occasionally at the Crown Courts of Lewes, Chichester and Brighton — where he lived. He said, while sitting at Brighton, that for the first time in his life he was able to get home in time for tea.

He loved walking in the country and in town and was a knowledgeable historian of London. He would take overseas visitors on personally conducted tours, displaying an encyclopaedic knowledge of the capital and its buildings. He spent part of his retirement writing and had almost completed his memoirs before he died.

Prominent in British Jewry, he was at one time a member of the British Board of Deputies, was a governor of the Jewish public school, Carmel College, and was the first chairman of the Association of Jewish Servicemen.

Yet Bernard Gillis was above all else a family man. He is survived by his wife Jessica and by their son.

GROUP CAPTAIN JAMES JEFFS



Group Captain James Jeffs, CVO, OBE, former Airport Commandant at London Heathrow, died on May 14 aged 96. He was born on January 27, 1900.

A PIONEER of air traffic control from the early days of its application to civil aviation, James Jeffs was successively in charge of Croydon, Prestwick and Heathrow international airports. He had been in on the ground floor of air traffic control from his time at the Air Ministry in the years immediately after the end of the First World War and was the central figure in the development of British air traffic control services during the 1920s and 1930s.

George James Horatio Jeffs was born at Chivers Cotton, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and educated at Hedleston School, Derby. He left there at the age of 17, joining the Royal Naval Air Service and, in 1918, the newly founded RAF.

Posted to Air Ministry headquarters from 1919 to 1922, he was next appointed air traffic control officer at what was then known as "the London Terminal Aerodrome" at Croydon.

There, though still only 22, he quietly and quickly began to exert an indissoluble but benevolent authority over the wide variety of flying — which was a feature of the Croydon airport of those days. Operations ranged from early air transport services through day-to-day flying instruction to a remarkable series of pioneering long-distance flights.

These included those of Hinkler, Cobham, Amy Johnson, Francis Chichester, Kingsford-Smith, Scott and Mollison, as well as many

"one-off" occasions, such as the arrival at Croydon of Charles Lindbergh from Brussels in May 1927 (after his epic solo flight from New York to Paris), the first Atlantic flight direct to Croydon by Brock and Schie in August 1927, and Amy Johnson's return from Australia on August Bank Holiday 1930. Both Lindbergh and Amy Johnson unleashed enthusiastic welcomes from crowds of more than 100,000 people, which necessitated vigorous rescue efforts by Jimmy Jeffs.

In all of this, the large, sturdy and unsophisticated Jeffs was always serenely in charge, while his authoritative voice could be heard by those able to tune in their wireless sets to 900 metres, as he informed airline captains of their position in reassuring tones. The positions of incoming aircraft were obtained by cross-bearings from Croydon and the airship station at Pulham, Norfolk, and established by the simple device of two lengths of string stretched to intersect on a table map.

In 1934, when the volume of Croydon's air traffic had grown from its small beginnings to a total of about 100,000 passengers a year, Jeffs moved to take charge at Heston airport — then looked upon as the possible replacement for Croydon as London's major air terminal.

From Heston, in 1938, Jeffs became chief instructor at the Air Ministry's School of Air Traffic Control until, at the outbreak of war, he was posted to the headquarters of RAF Fighter Command, to develop ground-to-air control procedures. At the same time he accompanied King George VI and Winston Churchill on some of their early wartime journeys by air.

In 1941 Jeffs was appointed

SIR THEODORE BRANCKER

Sir Theodore Brancker, QC, President of the Senate, Barbados, died on April 28 aged 87. He was born on February 9, 1909.

SERVING for 39 consecutive years in the Barbados Parliament, Sir Theodore Brancker was its longest-standing member. Although he was black, he came from the type of privileged family which won easy acceptance among the white community. But Brancker chose to turn his back on the Leading Cadet or the crisp virtuoso solo of the Drummer.

But for many spectators the part that will spring first to mind when thinking of him is the Boy in Blue in Ashton's *Les Patineurs*, a ballet that showed off perfectly Wyngaard's humour, strong technique, crisp style and bubbling personality.

He had to drop out of London City Ballet's present tour, after playing Buttons in *Cinderella*, when he was diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis. The illness responded to treatment and his return was eagerly awaited by his fellow dancers, who enjoyed his warm, friendly personality as much as their audiences did.

They and his former colleagues in South Africa, where he is remembered with affection, were stunned by his sudden death from an unrelated and unsuspected heart condition.

Wyngaard was unmarried.

JACK WYNGAARD



In five years with the Cape Town company he played a wide range of major roles. In the classics he danced Bluebird in *The Sleeping Beauty*, Franz in *Coppélia*, and *Le Spectre de la Rose*. From the modern international repertoires, he took the lead in *Ashton's Les Rendezvous*, *The Dancing Master* in De Valois' *The Rake's Progress* and Jasper in Cranko's *Pineapple Poll*. The company's own creations provided further opportunities: among

them Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Kay in *The Snow Queen* and Mercury in *Orpheus in the Underworld*.

Moving to Britain, Wyngaard joined London City Ballet in August 1986, though he occasionally returned to

Cape Town for guest performances. He added many roles, both old and modern, to his repertoire. A memorable Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*, he sometimes played Romeo instead; in *La Sylphide* he appeared both as James, the hero, and his rival Gurn. When he played the Jester in *Swan Lake*, his own disarming enthusiasm helped to offset the character's potentially tiresome pushiness. Several of the standard bravura showpieces came his way too; the famous duets from *The Corsair*, *Don Quixote* and *Flower Festival in Genzano*.

Jack Carter's ballets provided him with some notable roles, including the title part in *The Witchboy* and the tirelessly energetic second movement of *Three Dances to Japanese Music*. In David Lichine's *Graduation Ball* it was difficult to say whether he was better suited to the choreographer's own former role of the Leading Cadet or to the crisp virtuoso solo of the Drummer.

But for many spectators the part that will spring first to mind when thinking of him is the Boy in Blue in Ashton's *Les Patineurs*, a ballet that showed off perfectly Wyngaard's humour, strong technique, crisp style and bubbling personality.

He had to drop out of London City Ballet's present tour, after playing Buttons in *Cinderella*, when he was diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis. The illness responded to treatment and his return was eagerly awaited by his fellow dancers, who enjoyed his warm, friendly personality as much as their audiences did.

They and his former colleagues in South Africa, where he is remembered with affection, were stunned by his sudden death from an unrelated and unsuspected heart condition.

Wyngaard was unmarried.

Church news

Appointments include:

The Rev David Bailey, Vicar, South Cave and Ellerker and Broomfleet, to continue as Rural Dean of Howden (York) for a further five years.

The Rev Barbara Baisley, Adviser for Women's Ministry (Coventry), to be Head of Department and diocesan vocations adviser, and continue as associate minister, St John the Baptist, Berkswell, same diocese.

The Rev Stuart Beake, Vicar, Shotton and Rural Dean of Fosse, to be also Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Coventry).

The Rev Jolyon Bradshaw, Priest-in-charge, St Mary Magdalene, with St Olave, St John and St Luke, Bermondsey, to be Rector, St Mary Magdalene, and St Luke, Bermondsey, (Southwark).

The Rev Brian Eaves, Team Vicar, Buckhurst Hill (Chelmsford), to be Rector, Culworth with Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville and Chipping Warden with Edgcote (Peterborough).

The Rev John Evans, Rector, Greens Norton with Redcar and Lichborough, to be Vicar, Christ

Church, Northampton (Peterborough).

The Rev James Clarke, Chaplain, College of St Mark and St John (Exeter), to be Vicar, Lindfield (Chichester).

The Rev Peter Crooks, Priest-in-charge, Huntingdon and Wappenburg with Weston-under-Wetherley, to be also Vicar, Long Itchington and Marton and have responsibility for St Gregory, Offchurch (Coventry).

The Rev George Davies, Chaplain, Thurrock Lakeside Shopping Centre (Chelmsford), to be Vicar, St Andrew, Merton (Southwark).

The Rev Brian Eaves, Team Vicar,

Buckhurst Hill (Chelmsford), to be Rector, Culworth with Sulgrave and Thorpe Mandeville and Chipping Warden with Edgcote (Peterborough).

The Rev Duncan Johnston, Curate, Werrington, to be Vicar, Great Doddington and Wilby (Peterborough).

The Rev Donald Jones, Vicar, Layer Breton with Birch with Layer Marney (Chelmsford), to be Vicar, Beckton (Chelmsford), to retire on October 31.

St Nicolas, Nuneaton (Coventry).

The Rev Timothy L'Estrange, Curate, Halesworth with Linstead, Chediston, Holme St. Swithun, Blundestow, Spexhill, Wissett and Walpole (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich), to be Chaplain to Bishop of Horsham (Chichester).

The Rev Roger Fry, Curate, All Hollows, Wapping (London), to be Rector, Peckish with Gilman and Northborough (Peterborough).

The Rev Andrew Gough, Curate, Wavertree (Liverpool), to be Chaplain to Warwick School (Coventry).

The Rev Richard Harrison, Vicar, Waverley (Bath), to be Chaplain, Merchant Taylors School, to be Chaplain, Ardingly College (Chichester).

The Rev Peter Hornwood, Curate, St Martin, Ruislip, to be Rector, St Mary, Hayes (London).

The Rev Hazel Skelding, Curate, Alderbury Team Ministry (Salisbury), to retire on March 23.

The Rev Peter Spencer, Rector, Layer Breton with Birch with Layer Marney (Chelmsford), to retire on October 31.

MAU MAU OATH-TAKING IN KENYA

From Our Correspondent
NAIROBI, May 26

The Kenyan police tonight disclosed that the number of persons who took illegal oaths at a meeting in the forest on the slopes of Mount Kenya a few days ago was nearer 1,000 than the 500 estimated earlier. Whether the total may be as high as the largest number of men held in the camp.

The camp is located on a suspect district in the Meru tribal area to overcome the reluctance of tribesmen to give information to the police is now apparently achieving its object. The provincial commissioner, Mr. R.F. Wilson, said: "We are beginning to get a lot of information about this meeting, and we are hoping that this will continue."

So far this month 15 people have been convicted in the Meru district on oath-taking charges. The area has been described by Mr. A.C.C. Swann, Minister for Defence and Internal Security, as one of the worst two in the colony for the incidence of such offences ...

Kenya had reached a moment of truth: either the country advanced by constitutional means or it must revert to the rule of the panga. "I am, frankly, nearly in despair that at

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Major readies for autumn election

John Major's confrontation with Europe started to backfire on him when a former minister threatened to resign the party whip over the Prime Minister's "silly and cynical" behaviour.

The Government's Commons majority of one would be wiped out if George Walden carried out his threat, and his remarks reinforced the Conservatives' determination to be ready for an autumn general election. Page 1

Parents angry over baby milk chemical

■ Doctors and parents round on the Ministry of Agriculture for refusing to name brands of baby milk containing potentially dangerous levels of "gender bending" chemicals. Ministry scientists have tested 15 leading brands and found that all contain phthalates, some at levels high enough to reduce fertility in babies exposed to them. Page 1

Royal observer

A seven-year-old boy whose life-saving heart operation was observed by the Princess of Wales was recovering well at his home in Camerton, unaware of the identity of his royal visitor. Page 1

Birds' bird

A convicted animal rights activist has petitioned the Home Office to ban prison inmates from keeping caged birds. Page 1

Sleaze plea

A former Tory treasurer urged the party to publish a list of donations over £25,000 in an attempt to lift an atmosphere of sleaze over party funding. Page 2

Feud defused

A feud between Labour's leading transport frontbenchers has been defused by Tony Blair offering Brian Wilson, the railways spokesman, a new senior role on the campaign team. Page 2

Fishing tragedy

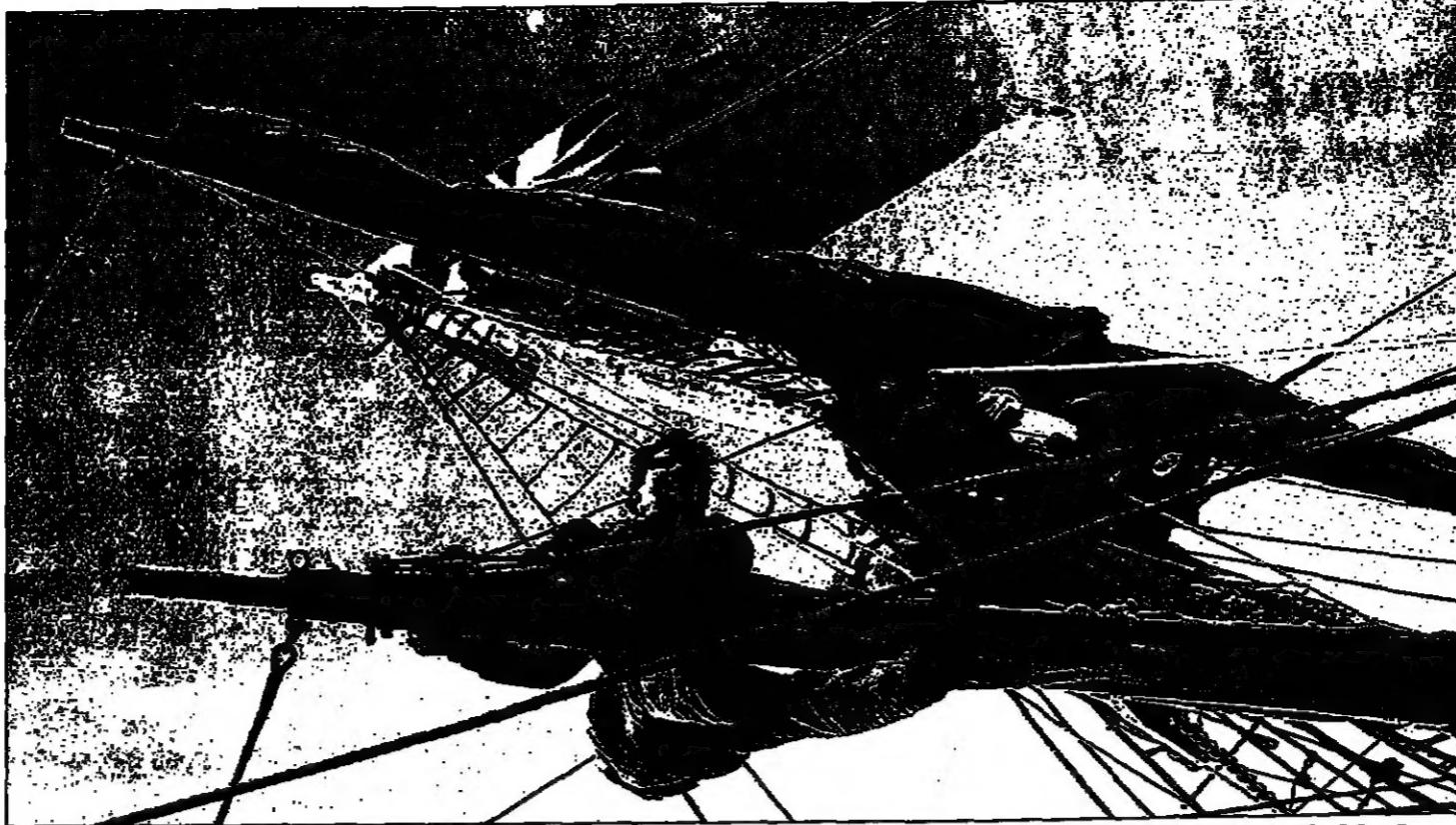
An exhausted woman swam for nearly four hours without a life jacket to raise the alarm when a clam dredger capsized off the Firth of Clyde. Four crewmen were feared drowned. Page 3

Climber lost

A search is under way for a British member of a South African mountaineering team that scaled Mount Everest after teammates subsequently lost radio contact with him. Page 3

Parents pay high price for teenagers

■ Parents who think that their financial worries are coming to an end when their children reach their late teens could be more wrong, according to new research. Most parents will have to find at least £24,000 to support their children between the ages of 16 and 21 and, in some cases, the bill can be as high as £66,000. Page 6



A rigger at work on "HMS" Rose, an American replica of the British ship, during the Bristol International Festival of the Sea

Rail go-ahead

Final approval is expected next month for a funicular railway in the Cairngorms. But environmental groups are threatening to appeal to Europe. Page 4

Prisons prepare

Prison officials have drawn up emergency plans to house hundreds of extra remand prisoners if the Euro 96 football competition leads to serious disorder. Page 5

Pampered pets

Pets are being given secondhand human pacemakers and undergoing dentistry and hip replacements to keep them alive. Page 5

Israel admission

Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing challenger for the Likud leadership, brought Israel's election campaign to life when he admitted that he had been wrong to go on television in 1993 to admit adultery. Page 7

Yeltsin's failure

When President Yeltsin receives Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, leader of the Chechen rebels, he will tacitly acknowledge that he has failed to crush the separatist rebellion by military means. Page 36

Family values

Hillary Clinton's disclosure that she and President Clinton are talking about another child is bound to raise their political opponents' hackles. Page 9

Water fight: Two utility companies are set to battle publicly for Southern Water. An initial bid of £1.3 billion from ScottishPower will be more than matched by Southern Electricity. Page 36

Best of British: The Government will proclaim the UK's superiority over other European states in its White Paper on competitiveness next month. The document will emphasise particularly the success in reducing unemployment compared with France, Germany and Spain. Page 36

Fair hearing: Barings bondholders seeking compensation for their £100 million loss when the bank collapsed last year will be listened to sympathetically by the Commons Treasury Committee. Page 36

Musical high: Does London really need another production of *Salomé*? When the staging is as accomplished as ENO's, the return visit is worth the effort. Page 10

Foreign voices: Cecilia Bartoli, the Italian mezzo, and Dmitry Hvorostovsky, the Russian baritone, gave recitals at the Wigmore Hall that suggested they are stars in the making. Page 10

Settlers reborn: At last, it looks as if Battersea Power Station may be brought to a new and entertaining life, thanks to a £200 million plan. Page 11

Closing in on cancer: Anjana Ahuja meets one of Britain's brightest researchers, Dr Steve Jackson, the biologist who made the link between a good enzyme and a bad protein. Page 12

Football: England defeated a Hong Kong Golden Select XI 1-0 with a goal by Les Ferdinand, but it was hardly the performance they hoped for leading up to Euro 96. Page 19

Cricket: India scored 236 for four against England at Old Trafford, but rain forced the match to be carried over to today. Page 21

Golf: Mark McNulty and Costantino Rocca share the lead after three rounds of the Volvo PGA championship. Page 20

Rugby Union: Jack Rowell has been reappointed England coach for a third year. His terms of reference have changed, but there will be no restriction on which players he may choose. Page 25

Athletics: Sally Gunnell remained optimistic of retaining her Olympic title after her first 400 metres hurdles race for 20 months. Page 26

Equestrianism: Pippa Funnell won the Windsor International three-day event for the second successive year after leading from start to finish on Marshland Rubio. Page 27

Racing: Willie Carson will not appeal against his five-day ban for wearing an unapproved skull cap at the Curragh. Page 28

LOTTERY NEWS: 8, 20, 26, 34, 42, 43. Bonus 25. Eight winners will receive £2,054/54 each; 23 people win £13,441 for five numbers plus the bonus; £1,000 was £1,013 for five numbers; and the four-number prize is £58.

His Honour Bernard Griffin QC, Additional Judge at the Central Criminal Court; Group Captain James Jeffs, Airport Commandant at London Heathrow. Page 17

Michael Howard and the judges: Birds in the garden. Page 15

The wind of regionalism is blowing through old Europe. Regis want to sweep away centuries of political history. We cannot leave the fate of the modern state to those who hark back to the Holy Roman Empire. La Repubblica, Rome

ACROSS

1 Continental prince knowing directly king enters (8).
5 Diamond, possibly, is card cut - jack turned over (6).
9 Range of voice required for Liza recital (8).
10 Bottle shown by thousands carrying a sort of gun (6).
12 Grass, but get in a terrible flap (5).
13 Its point may be to remove meat from canines (9).
14 Political broadcast on large TV absorbing people (12).
18 Notice hole in motorway certain to produce accident (12).
21 Public show originally produced at Eccles, it turns out (9).
23 Set about game or liquid food (5).
24 New students contributing to a spell of filming (6).

DOWN

1 Short article quietly digested by ruthless type out East (6).
2 Conclusive information received in bed (6).
3 Party has way to conceal current division (9).
4 Look after the castle, say, reportedly to prevent hostilities (4,3).
6 Part of Southsea was horribly flooded (5).
7 Robbers in her singing, we hear (8).
8 Book boat, say, for Charlie (8).
11 Crazy, to deviate from the direct course (5,3).
15 Shocking English king, for example, with evidence of debts (9).
16 Neglect of old girl upset no-one (8).
17 Like a woman about to put down insulating material (8).
19 A loose reference to broadcasting organization (6).
20 Cast almost accepts gold coin (6).
22 Eastern capital an American state invested in also (5).

ABERLOUR

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,177 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single Highland malt whisky.

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